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EDITORIAL

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BROWNLEE REPLIES TO POOL'S CRITICS

On his return from Eastern Canada recently, Premier Brownlee, in a press interview, gave a most effective answer to those enemies of the Pool who in various forms of anti-Pool propaganda have endeavored to trade on the lack of knowledge of the man in the street of the real causes of the present depression in wheat prices. He showed quite conclusively that the Wheat Pool is not accountable for the heavy decline in prices in the wheat market, and, furthermore, that no responsible person with a knowledge of the situation can attempt to create the impression that it is, without deliberately distorting the facts of the situation.

"I notice," he said, "that in some of the papers there is the usual amount of badly informed criticism of the Wheat Pool on the part of many who attribute the present price situation to the Pool. *In all my conferences in the East I never once heard this suggestion on the part of those who were in a position to understand the causes of the present price levels.*

"In reply to one of my cables, the Prime Minister of Canada summed up the situation by pointing out that there was an apparent world's surplus of four hundred million bushels in excess of the requirements of importing countries. Broomhall has since reduced this to some three hundred and thirty million bushels. But whatever

figure is taken, when it is pointed out that the entire wheat crop of Canada is only three hundred and sixty million bushels with one hundred million consumed at home and only one-half of the balance handled by the Pool, it will be seen at once that the present situation is the result of causes far wider than the activities of one wheat handling company.

"Moreover, it should be pointed out that the first initial payment of the Pool this year at 60 cents per bushel was reached after a long conference at Ottawa, at which all the information of the Federal Government, the banks of Canada and Provincial Governments was available as a guide to what might be considered an absolutely safe initial payment.

"Wheat at that time was from 90 cents to 95 cents a bushel, and I do not believe any reasonable person at that time could possibly have contemplated that the initial payment, so far below the level to which wheat had declined in the past twenty-five or thirty years, would not be an absolutely safe payment. The simple fact is that in common with other primary products wheat has sunk to unusually low levels and no one organization and no one group of persons can be held responsible. We will work through this situation much more satisfactorily if we simply recognize the great underlying causes of the situation and stop much ill-considered and ill-advised criticism of the one organization which happens for the time being to be the largest farmer-controlled grain selling organization."

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In the face of the very marked changes in the wheat export markets of the world which are taking place, the farmers' need for the Wheat Pool is greater today than at any time in the past history of Canada.

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During the years when he was the head of one of the large grain companies, John I. McFarland, the recently appointed General Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, always had the confidence of the farmers to a greater degree than any other man in the private grain trade.

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In order to provide space in this special Wheat Pool Number for news of the Annual Meeting of the Pool now in progress, it has been necessary to hold over much other important matter, including a report of the recent very successful convention of the Lethbridge U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, some important letters to the editor, resolutions for the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., and U.F.A. Local items. Greater space will be given to these matters in our next issue.

Annual Delegates' Meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool Deals With Important Questions

A Report of Proceedings During First Few Days of Convention

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool opened in Calgary on Tuesday, November 25th, with a full attendance of delegates.

Three chairmen were selected by the delegates to alternate in the chair during the sessions. These were: A. R. Brown, of Westlock; J. A. Johansen, of Woolford; and E. H. Keith, of Sexsmith.

On motion of Andrew Rafn, seconded by J. K. Sutherland, restrictions as to the attendance at the sessions was limited to delegates, directors and necessary staff, also Pool members vouched for by their delegates.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Order of Business—J. K. Sutherland, M. E. Williamson, J. Frey.

Resolutions—A. W. Fraser, N. L. Eliason, A. MacGregor.

Redrafting—R. Cates.

Three directors, namely, H. W. Wood, R. A. MacPherson and C. Jensen, were absent when the sessions opened, they having been called to Winnipeg to attend a special meeting of the Central Selling Agency.

The Directors' report was read by R. O. German, secretary, and discussion on this occupied the time of the morning session. A complete copy of this report is subjoined.

Andrew Rafn wanted to know why the directors leased the Victoria Terminal Elevator, as he understood it was four hours' sail from Vancouver and he thought the extra expense would be top-heavy. He also asked who owned the elevator. The reply was that the elevator was owned largely by Saskatchewan and Alberta farmers who had subscribed money for stock, the bonds being guaranteed by the City of Victoria; that the Alberta Pool needed the storage and had secured the elevator on advantageous terms; and that it costs no more to ship grain to this Victoria elevator via C.N.R. than it does to Vancouver.

Changes in Elevator Agreement

E. H. Keith asked what were the changes in the new agreement with the line elevator companies. Lew Hutchinson, Director, replied that the carrying charges on street wheat carried in line company country elevators were increased from 1c to 1½c per bushel per month; further, the handling charges on street wheat were fixed at 5c a bushel instead of 5c for contract grades and 6c for commercial grades as contained in the old agreement. On being questioned further Mr. Hutchinson said the agreement with the elevator companies was negotiated only after protracted discussion. The Board had considered dispensing with an agreement, but there are still Pool members who have no facilities and their interest and convenience have to be considered. Under the new agreement the growers' rights under the Canada Grain Act are carefully presented. The new agreement was signed with 29 elevator companies as compared with 70 last agreement, the difference in number being due to amalgamations and the fact that a number of companies had gone out of business.

H. F. Nester brought up the question of farm storage. He said he was disappointed because the board had seen fit to dispense with farm storage espe-

cially during this year. Mr. Hutchinson replied, giving the reasons for the Board's action.

After further discussion covering a wide range of subjects brought up by the Directors' report, it was accepted.

Manager Presents Report

On Tuesday afternoon the Manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, R. D. Purdy, presented his report which is printed elsewhere in this issue. The reading was followed by discussion on various phases brought out. The report was adopted.

The report of the Pool's auditors, Harvey & Morrison, chartered accountants, on the finances of the Alberta Wheat Pool, was next presented. This report is printed elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Harvey read the report explaining every item contained therein and answering queries from the delegates.

The report of Pool elevators was next presented by Mr. Purdy. This report is printed in full elsewhere in this issue. The presentation of this report and subsequent discussion occupied the balance of Tuesday afternoon up until 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday's Proceedings

The session on Wednesday morning commenced at 9:30 a.m., and Mr. Harvey presented the auditor's report on Pool Elevator finances. As with the Pool financial statement, Mr. Harvey went over each item, explaining it in full.

A delegate asked how much time was taken in auditing the Pool accounts. Mr. Harvey said the auditing was done continuously and a large part of the time of himself, his partner Mr. Morrison, and four chartered accountant assistants was taken in the auditing of Pool accounts at around \$6,000 a year.

The secretary reported that approximately twenty five resolutions had been received by the committee apart from those printed in the program. H. F. Nester moved that each resolution handed in be mimeographed and a copy handed to each delegate, provided such resolution be received in reasonable time before the close of the convention. This was carried. It was further decided that resolutions which could not be mimeographed should be written out on a blackboard and placed in a conspicuous place in the convention hall.

Report on Flour Milling

The delegates then listened to the reading of the supplementary report on

The Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool is still in session as we go to press. A report of further proceedings will be printed in the next issue of *The U.F.A.*

Flour Milling prepared by J. Jesse Strang, director for the Claresholm district. This report is as follows:

At the 1929 Annual Meeting of the Wheat Pool Delegates, a resolution was passed requesting the Flour Milling Committee to continue the study of flour milling conditions in Canada; and also to ascertain the possibility of reducing the cost to Pool members of buying flour in bulk from Canadian mills.

The experience of the past year has been an unprofitable one for the flour milling business in Canada. Every flour milling company which has made public its annual report to date has shown large depreciated earning from last year. It is certain 1929 has been most trying in the history of the Canadian flour milling industry. The principal cause for this was the large supplies on hand at the commencement of the year, the lack of export markets and declining wheat prices.

Information from other countries is to the effect that a similarly depressed condition in flour milling is prevalent all over the world. Even the great British flour milling enterprise—Spillers' Limited—lost heavily from last year's operation, their deficit being approximately a million and a quarter. The losses in most instances are attributed to the price of wheat, intensive competition and contracting markets.

The experience of the year would indicate that if the Wheat Pool ever ventures into flour milling, careful and comprehensive plans will have to be made to ensure a continuous demand for the product and ample reserves will be required to be accumulated in good years to carry the enterprise over the lean years. While advocates for a Pool flour mill have many good arguments, your committee are still of the opinion that it is doubtful if such a venture would give satisfactory results in view of the multiplicity of mills in Canada resulting in the keenest kind of competition and the narrow markets for Canadian flour overseas.

With regard to the possibility of bulk buying of flour from Canadian mills in order to provide that commodity to Pool members on a cheaper basis we are confronted with the mills' reply: "Give us wheat at a cheaper price and we will supply you with flour at a cheaper price." We believe that the proper solution of flour distribution is through a consumers' co-operative rather than a producers' co-operative.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
(Signed) J. JESSE STRANG.

The report was received after several delegates had expressed their opinion on the question: I. D. Taylor, of Big Valley,
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Report of Board of Directors of Alberta Wheat Pool to Annual Meeting

The report of the Board of Directors of Alberta Wheat Pool as presented to the annual meeting in Calgary on November 25th is herewith printed in its entirety.

Our report this year will necessarily deal with a season which has probably been the worst the Pool may ever expect to experience, and while for the benefit of the members we set forth a history of the past year's operations in some detail, we feel that our Association at this time should bend its efforts to looking forward to further developments rather than to dwell on past events entirely. While the season has been difficult and conditions have developed which were entirely beyond the imagination of any of us, there is no question but that the experience we have gained has been worth considerable to us and in making provision for future operations we will do so with a much better idea of the probabilities than would be possible had we not had the past twelve months' experience.

Business Conditions on Ebb

Business conditions generally are on the ebb in Western Canada, largely owing to sub-normal crops and a decline of more than fifty per cent in the value of a bushel of wheat at current prices as compared with values during the previous harvest season. Members have been hampered in their financial arrangements by deferred payments which must of necessity be held in the treasury of the Pool until we have very definite assurance that they will not be required to make our financial position safe. Members have suffered disappointments, not only in yields of grain and prices for same, but in prices ruling for almost every commodity which the farming community has to offer for sale. The harvest season has been generally good in the southern part of the Province with consequent high grades of grain resulting from favorable harvesting weather. At the time of writing this report, the farmers in the northern half of the Province are experiencing many difficulties in trying to get their grain threshed and no one knows what condition the grain will be in when it is finally ready to dispose of. In view of the current price of hogs and the need for feed grain for stock feeding purposes generally, there is every probability that there will be a considerable portion of feed grain which should be sold at reasonable prices. We feel, therefore, that farmers should not be called upon to sell their coarse grains at sacrifice prices. The Pool will endeavor to make its contribution towards securing a reasonable price for feed grain belonging to Pool members and Pool elevator facilities should be used to the fullest extent for that purpose.

While the past year has been a most unsatisfactory one from the standpoint of proceeds received from the sale of our grain, the steadiness with which the members have maintained their position has been an inspiration to those who have been selected by the membership to administer the policies of the Pool. It is generally conceded that when this difficult period has passed, the Pool will have demonstrated its ability to carry on under all circumstances and through its economies of operation and the protection afforded your organization will have justifi-

fied its existence. While Pool members (in common with non-Pool farmers) are severely handicapped by the present financial depression, there is certainly no evidence of an attitude on their part to discard the Pool system and return to the old haphazard "hit and miss" system which we discarded seven years ago. On the contrary there is concrete evidence of a determination by the farmers, in practically every district in the Province, to consolidate the Pool's position and to see it through to its ultimate objective.

ORGANIZATION

At the request of delegates and others affected, there have been fourteen changes made in the boundaries of the sub-districts during the past year, whereby the administration has been improved and the work of the delegates simplified.

In the election of delegates held last summer, about the usual number of changes occurred.

At the Special Meeting of Delegates held in June, to deal principally with the policy of operation of Pool Elevator facilities, some changes were made in the method of operation, both of our country elevators and terminals, the first due to changes in handling conditions, crops, etc., and the second largely to changes in the Canada Grain Act passed at the last two Sessions of the House of Commons.

ADMINISTRATION

The Committees appointed by your Board to deal with various phases of Pool activities during the past year are as follows:

Chairman: H. W. Wood.
Vice-Chairman: Lew Hutchinson.
Breach of Contract: J. Jesse Strang, George Bennett.
Alberta Co-operative Council: George Bennett.
Elevator: Lew Hutchinson, Ben S. Plumer.
Field Service: George Bennett, Lew Hutchinson.
Interprovincial: H. W. Wood, C. Jensen, R. A. MacPherson.
Interprovincial Educational: Lew Hutchinson.
Interprovincial Legislative: Ben S. Plumer.
Office: Ben S. Plumer, J. Jesse Strang.
The U.F.A.: J. Jesse Strang.
Interprovincial Coarse Grains: R. A. MacPherson.

Finance

One of the questions to be dealt with under this heading, the matter of "Finance" which was referred to the Board by the last General Meeting, was taken under consideration. Our investigations were barely started when it was realized that we were approaching a period of depression which would largely preclude putting anything of this nature into effect, and our attention was directed almost entirely to problems which were developing day by day in connection with the business of the Pool, so that we are not prepared at the present time to present any exhaustive report with regard to a suggested plan of internal financing, and

at the moment we are rather inclined to the opinion that we should give attention to augmenting our Reserves and keeping some considerable amount of our assets in a liquid position to meet any contingencies which might arise, thereby giving ourselves the utmost protection and the greatest chance of carrying through the work we have on hand.

Field Service

We have made some re-arrangement of our Field Service Staff, whereby the number has been reduced and the territory allotted to each has been considerably increased. Further particulars will be given by the Management with regard to the activities of the several Departments which will be touched on in this Report in a general way only.

In line with conditions prevailing, and indication given at the last Delegates' Meeting, we have effected a considerable reduction in our overhead costs of operation in various ways which will be explained in detail.

Farm Storage

This being left to the discretion of the Board by the last Special Meeting in June of this year, it was decided to discontinue this payment for this season, the Board feeling that the payment would not be justified by the results obtained under the conditions existing this season.

Breach of Contract

Notwithstanding an apparent campaign to influence our members to break their contracts, we have had comparatively few breaches, members apparently feeling that if there was ever a time when they should stand solidly together, this past season must surely be the one. We had many reports in the early part of this handling season that there was the possibility that many members would not respect their contract and the Pool would suffer considerably thereby. Results have proved that these reports were not well founded and that the members had only one idea, namely, to carry the Pool over its hardest year successfully. In accordance with our policy indicated at the last Annual Meeting, the Board have taken the attitude that they were justified in requiring members to live up to their contract and that they should not be excused due to lack of knowledge of responsibilities involved in the signing of a Wheat Pool contract.

Coarse Grains Pool

Owing to our peculiar Provincial conditions, Alberta delayed putting a Coarse Grains Pool into operation. Having the best access to the British Columbia market and the necessity of our Northern grown feed being moved to the southern part of the Province in a great many seasons, we have been and will be able to realize considerably more in many instances for our feed grains on behalf of our members than if we were to depend largely on an export market, which might be easily glutted and which is continually subject to influence of feed grains from other grain producing countries. We operated a Coarse Grains Pool during the season of 1929-30 and handled some considerable volume, but in view of the general crop situation this year, the relatively light crops of feed

grains grown in a large portion of the Province, the probability of small handlings and the members being able to sell a considerable proportion of feed grains locally to good advantage without incurring expenses of elevator handling, freight, etc., the Board decided to suspend the operation of a Coarse Grains Pool for the season 1930-31 and allow each producer to market his coarse grains as he saw fit. This action was taken by your Board under the authority given them in Clause 26 of the Coarse Grains Contract, which provides that the Directors shall in their sole discretion decide whether the Association shall accept for pooling all or any of the grain owned, produced or acquired by its members in any year during the life of the contract, and in the event of any grain being so accepted they shall decide what kinds of grain and in what quantities. The exercise of this prerogative on the part of your Board does not cancel the Coarse Grains Contract, but simply suspends the operation thereof for the time being. Neither does it in any way affect the status of the Wheat Marketing Contract, which has remained in full force and effect.

We do want, however, to particularly impress on the membership the advisability of putting every bushel of their coarse grains through a Pool Elevator if it is to be shipped, as every bushel handled will have a tendency to reduce the cost of handling to the Pool. The Elevators being operated as they are—a Department of the Pool—the cost of operation will fall on the owners of the system, which is the entire membership of Alberta Wheat Pool, so that there can be no question of a Pool member evading participation in the cost of operation, which will be the cost of giving elevator service to approximately 440 communities in the Province of Alberta. Every member can be assured that whatever the cost be, it will be the rock bottom cost of doing business.

Agreement with Line Elevator Companies

In line with our usual practice, we have negotiated a Contract with the various Elevator Companies doing business in the Province of Alberta for the handling of the 1930 crop of wheat. The majority of these companies have always handled Pool wheat under an agreement with the Pool since its inception. These Agreements are a matter of arrangement as between the Pool Management and the Management of the various Companies. The one entered into during this past summer is drawn for three years with an annual cancellation privilege on the part of either party. Some slight changes have been made which do not vary the basis to any appreciable degree, but make for a clearer understanding of the Agreement and more satisfaction to both parties to it.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE

Canada Grain Act

During the past two Sessions of the Dominion Parliament representatives of the Pool have appeared, together with other interests involved, in the re-writing of the Canada Grain Act. This has been a subject of exhaustive inquiry on the part of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons, who have given liberally of their time to the study of the needs of the business and the administration of the act. Representatives of the Pool received sympathetic consideration from the Government, private members, and the officials appointed to administer the act, and we feel that the interest of all the people involved in the handling of Canadian wheat crops have been as

JOHN I. MCFARLAND APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF CANADIAN WHEAT POOL

WINNIPEG, Nov. 28, 1930.—John I. McFarland of Calgary has been appointed General Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, it was announced today by A. J. McPhail, President of the Canadian Wheat Pool. "We have been seeking a General Manager for our Central Selling Agency for over a year since Mr. Ramsay resigned to become chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners," Mr. McPhail said. "On more than one occasion in the history of our organization Mr. McFarland has been approached to become General Manager of our Central Selling Agency," Mr. McPhail stated, "but on each occasion he declined the offer. He has now, however, recognized the gravity of the crisis facing all grain producers of Western Canada and has accepted the appointment offered to him by the unanimous vote of our Central Board."

The above is the official announcement of Mr. McFarland's appointment as issued from Winnipeg. Despatches in the daily press stated Mr. McFarland would serve without salary.

well taken care of as the variety of those interests would allow.

Income Tax Act

Our contention that the Pool, being a non-profit organization, should not be subject to income tax, has been borne out in a decision recently handed down by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Publicity

The Publicity Department has given very valuable services during the past season in keeping the members informed as to conditions affecting the Pool and we feel that the effort expended in this direction is well worth while. Lack of knowledge has a tendency to undermine faith in any organization and there is no question but that the meetings held by Delegates, Directors and Field Men along with the published statements and reports have had an effect in convincing the members that an honest effort is being made to serve them.

"The U.F.A." Newspaper

We have during the past year participated in the publication of *The U.F.A.* newspaper.

EDUCATIONAL

Junior Field Crops Competition

The Pool has been instrumental during the past season in the production of a considerable amount of first-class seed, having purchased 435 bushels of seed wheat to be supplied to Juniors among the farm people for a Field Crops Competition, at a total cost to the Association of \$1,306.06. We feel this expenditure is well worth while in that it gives a clear demonstration of the value of pure seed, besides giving a wide distribution to this seed, but above all, giving a practical demonstration to our farm young people of what may be accomplished by using the best farming methods. With the marketing problems which face us at the present time through competition with countries producing wheat at a low cost, the value of more bushels of better wheat produced at a lower cost, is clearly set out. We have in addition donated suitable prizes to the winner in each of the ten districts of the Province.

Junior Grain Grading Contest

We have offered cash prizes for the winners of this contest amounting to \$30. We have confined our contributions to matters of this kind, feeling that this came within our logical sphere and we are the people who would naturally be expected to help improve conditions incidental to grain growing in the Province.

American Institute of Co-operation

On invitation from the American Institute of Co-operation, the Board asked the Secretary of this Association to represent the Pool. The Institute was held during the summer at Columbus, Ohio. The Secretary reported a great deal of interest and we feel we have contributed to and received something from this discussion of matters affecting agriculture.

Alberta Institute of Co-operation

Following the plan adopted last year in the Province for the holding of our Local Institutes, three sessions were held, one at Lethbridge, one at Olds and one at Vermilion. It is generally conceded that the distribution of the sessions allows more people to attend, thereby giving more direct benefit to the farmers and the people of the Province. Members of the Pool Executive attended all of these sessions, participated in the discussions and gave information to many people.

ELEVATOR OPERATION

Country Elevators

With the approval of the Delegates, a change has been made during this season in the method of operation of the Elevators belonging to the Alberta Wheat Pool. While the ownership remains within the Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, the elevator facilities have been leased to Alberta Wheat Pool for operation, the Pool to take care of all costs of operation, interest charges, depreciation, etc., that may be assessed against Pool Elevators. While it was agreed at the last Annual Meeting that the Pool should pursue the same aggressive construction policy which had been in effect for the past two seasons, changed conditions made it seem wiser to severely curtail, if not suspend, our building activities for this season, and that has largely been done, we having built one new Elevator at a point not previously served, and replaced four Elevators which were destroyed by fire, three of which were struck by lightning. Our Country Elevators have had a very good handling the past season, having in mind the sub-normal production of grain. Handling as we have, 85 per cent of all the Pool grain offered, we feel that the members are fully seized with the importance of using Pool Elevators to their utmost capacity.

Terminal Elevators

With the completion of the additional storage at Vancouver in the fall of 1929,

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Pool Sales Agency Report Reviews Operations of Past Year

Shows 130,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Sold During 1929-30 Crop Year—Pool Carry-Over Much Lower Than Was Generally Believe

THE 1929-30 Annual Report of the Canadian Wheat Pool, which has been released after having been passed upon by the Annual Meetings of the three Provincial Wheat Pools, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, shows that the Pool Central Selling Agency sold 129,952,000 bushels of wheat between September, 1929, and August, 1930. Of this amount, 45,691,000 bushels were from the 1928 carry-over and 84,261,000 bushels were of the Pool's 1929 handlings. At the end of last August the Pool carry-over included 3,290,000 bushels of the old 1928 wheat and 39,981,000 bushels of last year's crop.

Export sales by the co-operative company amounted to 56,877,000 bushels, distributed among seventeen overseas countries. This compared with 108,000,000 exported during the previous year. The largest share of this business was consigned to the United Kingdom, which took approximately 23,000,000 bushels as against last year's 34,600,000. Sales to Germany totalled 5,421,500 bushels, compared with 7,885,000 bushels the previous year and 11,800,000 in 1928. Export sales to France showed a similar decline, the total being 2,905,000 bushels as compared with eight million and five million bushels in the two preceding years. Quantities taken by Italy showed an even greater reduction, the 1929-30 sales by the Pool to that country totalling only 4,370,000, as compared with 8,775,000 and 15,730,000 in the two earlier years. Unsettled conditions in the Oriental market resulted in a drastic decline in the Pool's exports to China and Japan; last year's total being 4,285,000 bus. as compared with 17,700,000 the preceding year.

Effect of Tariffs

In a review of the world wheat situation, the report refers to the duties against foreign wheat imposed by Germany, France and Italy, and says "in a little over one year's time, countries that have been looked upon as markets for substantial quantities of imported wheat have become highly restricted through governmental action."

The report states that abnormally heavy shipments of cheap Argentine wheat during the last five months of 1929 created a "buyers market" in Europe, and that during this period Argentine Rosafe wheat sold in Liverpool at prices from 38 cents to 14 cents below Canada's No. 3 Northern. Failure of the Oriental market to regain a steady basis, and unusually heavy yields of coarse grains and field crops in Europe, are cited in the report as additional factors in the disorganization of wheat markets. The stock market crash of last year and consequent restriction of credit were also cited.

Marketing Policy

An important statement concerning the Pool's marketing policy is made as follows:

"The problem facing your salesmen, particularly during the fall and winter months, was to find buyers; importers, however, were not interested, and there was practically no demand. Despite the reports to the contrary, no holding policy was adopted by this organization, and we have taken advantage of every opportunity to sell our wheat, even at prices which did not appear attractive."

Deliveries from Provincial Pools

The deliveries of wheat from the Provincial Wheat Pools to the Central Selling Agency, or Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., totalled 119,463,000 bushels. Deliveries from the Manitoba Wheat Pool were 9,661,290 bushels; from the Saskatchewan Provincial organization, 76,520,896 bushels and from the Alberta Pool 33,280,844 bushels.

A total of 17,766,000 bushels of coarse grains were handled during the year. The report states that "it was impossible for Canada to compete with domestic supplies in Continental countries," in referring to the export trade in oats, barley, rye and flax, and attributes this condition chiefly to tariff regulations and general price levels in Europe.

Financing Difficult

Under the heading of "Finance," the report contains the following statement: "The question of the Company's finances has been one of grave concern during the past year, and your Directors have been faced with a series of exceedingly difficult situations as a result of the acute financial crisis which has prevailed throughout the world during that time, and which even now international bankers and financial experts are vainly seeking to remedy."

"This condition has not applied to this Company only, but has been the experience prevailing in practically every industry, and has affected the largest and wealthiest organizations in the country, with disastrous results in many cases. Our own position has been extremely critical since the beginning of the present calendar year due to the rapidly declining values of grain, and to the marketing situation in general."

"Our organization has always been financed by loans obtained from the Canadian banks upon the security of our grain documents. These loans have been advanced upon the condition that we must at all times maintain a margin of at least 15 per cent between the amount of our loans and the market value of the documents held by the banks as collateral security. During the period under review our position in this respect was complicated by the fact that we were carrying a considerable quantity of wheat from the 1928 Pool, upon which payments had been made aggregating \$1.18½ per bushel basis Fort William, and in the early part of this year the market had continued its decline to a point where we were unable to maintain the required margin with the banks. Anticipating the requirements which would have had to be

met, negotiations were opened by your Board with the Premiers of the three Prairie Provinces, with a view to obtaining some relief from the existing situation. This decision was necessitated as the only alternative to dumping large quantities of our wheat on a declining market, with results which would have been disastrous, not only to the Pool but the country at large.

"As a result of our negotiations, the Provincial Governments entered into an agreement whereby they guaranteed the lending banks against any ultimate loss as a result of the financing of our grain stocks, and under the terms of the guarantees obtained we were able to continue marketing our grain through the regular channels without embarrassment, although subsequent to that period we were not always able to maintain the margin required under the terms of our Loan Agreement with the banks."

"The action of the Provincial Governments in this respect and the manner in which they demonstrated their faith in the integrity of the farmers of Western Canada, and in co-operative marketing, was a remarkable tribute to our organization; and places a solemn obligation upon us to demonstrate that their faith in us was justified."

Reference is made in this report to the work the Pool is doing in connection with developing a larger market for coarse grains in Eastern Canada, and it also deals with the operation of the Company's Cereal Research Laboratory and other phases of Pool activities.

The Annual Report covers the Pool's activities up to August 31st only, and, therefore, does not deal with any phases of the situation which have developed since that date.

AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

Regina Leader-Post.—The situation is a new one in connection with Canadian agriculture. In the past Canadian agriculture has largely stood on its own feet, although it has been called upon to make contributions to provide bonuses for other forms of industry. In the past Canada has bonused railways, the steel and iron industry, coal mines, and manufacturers. The protective tariff is in reality a bonus to those who are given the protection of a tariff wall. At the recent short session at Ottawa, the Parliament voted a total of \$20,000,000 to take care of unemployment—a bonus largely to the people of Canadian towns and cities. The new and higher tariff provided an additional bonus to Canadian industry located in the towns and cities. The farmers help to pay these bonuses. Now the farmers, through the Western Premiers, are apparently about to ask for a cash grant to meet what they regard as a financial emergency. In view of the fact that so many other sections of Canadian life have had "hand-outs" at one time or another the request of the farmers is not without its point. Viewed as something to meet an emergent situation and not as a policy to apply year after year, a good case may be made out for affirmative action by the Federal authorities.

Alberta Wheat Pool

Balance Sheet as at July 15th, 1930

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current—		Current—	
Cash in Banks and on hand.....\$	7,690.14	Outstanding Cheques.....\$	13,699.04
Accounts Receivable—less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	4,370.56	Accounts Payable.....	5,735.30
Accrued Items Receivable.....	36,000.00	Accrued Items Payable.....	131,675.03
Advances against Bills of Lading .	3,600.00	Amounts due to Growers in respect of Interest, Payments and Re- turn of Capital Stock.....	31,689.61
Growers' Notes Receivable—		Liability for Initial Payment of grain in Country Elevators and in transit—	
First Series.....\$	4,817.54	Alberta Pool Eleva- tors Limited....\$3,869,139.49	
Second Series.....	14,025.39	Line Elev. Co's....	115,065.95
Coarse Grains.....	5,389.00		3,984,205.44
	24,231.93		\$ 4,167,004.42
Less Reserve for First Series Notes.....	4,817.54		
	19,414.39		
Stocks of Grains—		Special Reserves—	
Stocks of Grains—Valued at Ini- tial Payment.....	3,984,205.44	Special Reserve—1928 Pool.....	503,623.12
		Reserve 1929 Interest	390,125.13
Loans to Co-operative Organizations—		Special Reserve 1929 Pool—	
Alberta Co-operative Live Stock Producers, Limited.....	3,179.66	Wheat.....	222,200.77
Alberta Co-op. Dairy Producers Limited ..	3,547.77	Coarse Grains....	14,419.26
	6,727.43		626,745.16
Canadian Co-op. Wheat Pro- ducers Limited.....	1,147,456.58		1,130,368.28
Alberta Pool Elevators Limited	2,374,034.18		
	7,583,498.72	To Growers—	
Deferred Charges—		Reserves	
Stocks of Stationery and Stamps..	6,465.29	Elevator Reserve—	
Charges Accrued against 1930 Pool	2,326.59	1924 Pool.....	442,160.49
Organization Expenses accrued against 1930 to 1932 Pools.....	44,736.65	1925 Pool.....	903,155.65
	53,528.53	1926 Pool.....	885,722.41
		1927 Pool.....	1,422,433.16
		1928 Pool.....	1,343,123.44
			4,996,595.15
Elevator Reserve Assets—		Commercial Reserve—	
Shares—Alberta Pool Elevators Limited.....	4,850,000.00	1923 Pool.....	209,870.36
Manitoba Wheat Pool—Mortgage Security.....	103,154.26	1924 Pool.....	148,456.23
Royal Bank of Canada—Savings Account.....	43,440.89	1925 Pool.....	65,472.93
	4,996,595.15	1926 Pool.....	590,306.63
		1927 Pool.....	817,872.49
		1928 Pool.....	604,347.70
			2,436,326.34
			7,432,921.49
Capital—			
Investment—Shares Canadian Co- op. Wheat Producers Ltd.....	50,000.00		
Equipment and Office Furniture.....	75,094.99		
Less Depreciat'n Reserve	31,112.71		
	43,982.28		
Real Estate.....	2,964.95		
Less Depreciat'n Reserve	275.44		
	2,689.51		
	96,671.79		
	\$12,730,294.19		
			\$12,730,294.19

CALGARY, ALBERTA, 16th OCTOBER, 1930.

We have audited the books and accounts of Alberta Wheat Pool for the period from 1st September, 1929 to 15th July 1930, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. Subject to our attached report of this date, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of Alberta Wheat Pool as at 15th July, 1930, according to the best of our information and the explanations furnished to us and as shown by the books of the Corporation.

HARVEY & MORRISON, Chartered Accountants.

Statement of Wheat Operations for 1929-1930 Pool

Period from 1st September, 1929, to 15th July, 1930

Advances to Growers—Initial Payment.....	\$30,200,187.21	Net Balance on Advances from Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited on account of Wheat Sales.....	\$30,851,481.58
Farm Storage.....	150,669.12	Freight Reduction Adjustment...\$	188.63
Proportion of Operating and Administration Expenses as per Schedule.....	\$ 271,027.34	Growers' Non-Delivery Damages.....	\$ 1,710.05
Exchange and Stamp Tax on Payments to Growers.....	3,289.68	Less Notes Receivable..	713.70
Interest.....	2,538.40		996.35
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts...	1,539.85	Miscellaneous.....	91.97
Junior Field Crops Competition	1,306.16		1,276.95
	279,701.43		
Balance—Special Reserve.....	222,200.77		
	<u>\$30,852,758.53</u>		<u>\$30,852,758.53</u>

Statement of Coarse Grain Operations for 1929-1930 Pool

Period from 1st September, 1929, to 15th July, 1930

Advances to Growers—Initial Payment—		Net balance on advances from Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited on account of Coarse Grain Sales.....	\$ 918,217.17
Oats.....	\$ 671,876.77	Service Charges.....	716.95
Barley.....	134,957.55		
Rye.....	85,523.32		
Flax.....	7,310.57		
	\$ 899,668.21		
Proportion of Operating Expenses and Administration Expenses as per Schedule.....	4,846.65		
Balance—Special Reserve.....	14,419.26		
	<u>\$ 918,934.12</u>		<u>\$ 918,934.12</u>

Operation and Administration Expenses

Period from 1st September, 1929, to 15th July, 1930

OFFICE EXPENSES		BOND INSURANCE.....		38.92
Operating—		Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment.....	18.75	
Salaries.....	\$108,723.40			<u>32,036.83</u>
Printing and Stationery.....	7,345.86	PUBLICITY		
Telegrams and Telephones.....	2,537.43	Salaries.....	\$ 3,473.87	
Postage.....	3,880.58	Printing and Stationery.....	93.67	
Travelling.....	994.29	Telegrams and Telephones.....	87.49	
Audit Fees.....	3,250.00	Postage.....	524.46	
Legal Fees.....	7,582.33	Sundry Items.....	24.53	
Sundry Items.....	734.31	Subscriptions.....	145.91	
Bond Insurance.....	228.47	Travelling.....	116.80	
Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment.....	1,334.38	Bond Insurance.....	3.10	
Water, Light and Power.....	132.81	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment.....	11.00	
	<u>\$136,743.86</u>	Advertising (Contract).....	1,439.06	
Fixed—		Radio Broadcasts.....	1,107.88	
Rent.....	17,369.34	Printing Plates and Photos.....	339.11	
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,366.85	Circulars and Pamphlets.....	585.95	
Insurance and Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment.....	8,928.52	Calendars.....	3,921.79	
	<u>27,664.71</u>	Special Advertising.....	334.58	
		U.F.A. Newspaper.....	16,081.30	
		Water, Light and Power.....	12.28	
			<u>28,302.78</u>	
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		ORGANIZATION EXPENSES		
General—		Directors' Fees and Sustenance.....	\$ 2,887.50	
Directors' Fees and Sustenance.....	\$ 7,561.25	Directors' Travelling Expenses.....	554.70	
Directors' Travelling Expenses.....	1,019.89	Delegates' Expenses.....	5,950.08	
Annual Meeting.....	5,854.40	Supervisors' Expenses.....	168.50	
Membership Lists.....	2,463.34	Commissions.....	8,506.96	
Ballots for Delegates.....	977.46	Country Meetings.....	1,812.13	
Special Circulars.....	1,194.83	Proportion of Publicity Expenses incurred 1926-27.....	14,912.22	
Staff Insurance.....	1,182.82		<u>34,792.09</u>	
Wheat Pool Locals, Expense Accounts.....	89.88	Less Organization Fund.....	8,406.00	
Special Delegates' Meeting.....	3,922.25		<u>26,386.09</u>	
Sundry Items.....	473.60			<u>\$275,873.99</u>
	<u>24,739.72</u>			
		Charged to Wheat Operations.....	271,027.34	
		Charged to Coarse Grain Operations.....	4,846.65	
			<u>\$275,873.99</u>	
FIELD SERVICE				
Salaries.....	\$ 21,198.41			
Printing and Stationery.....	215.44			
Telegrams and Telephones.....	570.13			
Postage.....	262.67			
Travelling.....	5,723.86			
Automobile Operation.....	4,002.65			
Sundry Items.....	6.00			

Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited

Balance Sheet as at 15th July, 1930

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current—		Current—	
Cash in Banks, in transit and on hand.....	\$ 62,019.01	Outstanding Cheques, Cash Tickets and Orders.....	\$ 218,008.65
Stock of Grain and Coal.....	3,364,417.37	Accounts Payable.....	124,430.41
Accounts Receivable, <i>Less</i> Reserve.....	166,490.92	Accrued Items Payable.....	84,328.33
Accrued Items Receivable.....	67,569.92	Bank Loans.....	2,500,000.00
	<u>\$3,660,497.22</u>	Alberta Wheat Pool—	
Deferred Charges—		For Capital Expenditure.....	\$1,722,821.72
Applicable to Season 1930-1931.....	38,543.98	For Current Acc't.....	651,212.46
Capital—			<u>2,374,034.18</u>
Property consisting of Terminal and Country Elevators, Flour Sheds, coal sheds and Dwellings, <i>Less</i> Depreciation.....	8,509,888.99		<u>\$5,300,801.57</u>
Equipment, consisting of Office Furniture and Equipment, Elevator Equipment, Automobiles; Track Loaders and Construction Equipment, <i>Less</i> Depreciation.....	87,632.73	Undistributed Excess Charges—	
Calgary Grain Exchange—Seat....	300.00	Balance from previous years.....	104,667.06
	<u>8,597,821.72</u>	Balance for year ended 15th July, 1930.....	16,399.29
			<u>121,066.35</u>
		Bank Loans—Capital Expenditure—	
		Secured by hypothecation of Vancouver Terminal Property.....	2,025,000.00
		Capital—	
		Authorized—500,000 shares of \$10.00 each.....	5,000,000.00
		Issued—485,000 shares of \$10.00 each (Fully Paid).....	4,850,000.00
		There are Contingent Liabilities in respect of Contracts for Construction of Country Dwellings in the amount of \$3,500.00.	
		There is also a Contingent Liability in respect of amounts guaranteed to the Banks by The Alberta Provincial Government on behalf of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd.	
		Approved for and on behalf of the Board of Directors.	
		Signed, H. W. WOOD, Director.	
		Signed, BEN S. PLUMER, Director.	
	<u>\$12,296,867.92</u>		<u>\$12,296,867.92</u>

CALGARY, ALBERTA, 13th OCTOBER, 1930.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Act we have to report that we have audited the books and accounts of Alberta Pool Elevators Limited for the year ended 15th July, 1930, and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 15th July, 1930, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

HARVEY & MORRISON, *Chartered Accountants.*

Statement of Operations for the Year Ended 15th July, 1930

EXPENSES:

Elevator—		Affidavits.....	252.15
Salaries and Wages.....	\$801,703.22	Mail Delivery.....	187.50
Taxes, Site Rents and Inspections...	159,924.14	Switching.....	124.64
Elevator Rentals.....	130,621.16	Miscellaneous.....	106.65
Insurance—Grain.....	\$ 66,966.92		<u>\$1,482,208.96</u>
—Buildings.....	62,709.32	Office and General—	
—Bonds.....	16,608.07	Salaries and Wages.....	150,046.36
—Workmen's Comp.....	4,420.43	Rent.....	10,855.00
—Public Liability.....	630.90	Stationery and Office Supplies.....	9,193.28
	<u>151,335.64</u>	Telegrams and Telephones.....	7,218.50
Power.....	77,627.95	Audit Fees.....	7,000.00
Repairs.....	58,704.14	Branch Offices.....	6,160.22
Telegrams and Telephones.....	22,686.13	Postage.....	5,276.69
Heat, Light and Water.....	16,666.35	Provision for Doubtful Accounts...	3,000.00
Stationery.....	10,093.62	Travelling.....	2,347.81
Loss on Rebuilding and Sale of Country Elevators.....	9,116.72	Business Taxes.....	1,511.37
Tools and Sundry Supplies.....	8,992.17	Legal Expenses.....	775.65
Car Repairs and Liners.....	7,860.78	Auto Expenses—Terminal.....	744.93
Postage.....	6,354.20	Freight, Express and Cartage.....	654.64
Lubricating Oil.....	5,401.29	Workmen's Compensation and Medical Aid.....	656.42
Demurrage—Terminal.....	4,348.00	Insurance and Maintenance—Office Equipment.....	665.57
Freight, Express and Drayage.....	3,484.92	Office Repairs and Alterations.....	635.99
Travelling and Moving.....	2,927.84	Licenses and Bond Fees.....	351.84
Licenses.....	2,250.00	Light.....	237.44
Agent's Rental Allowances.....	773.75	Employees' Bonds.....	170.90
Weighing—Terminal.....	666.00	Miscellaneous.....	814.66
			<u>208,317.27</u>
		Forward.....	<u>1,690,526.23</u>

Brought Forward\$1,690,526.23

Elevator Superintendence—

Salaries and Wages.....\$ 58,986.25
 Travelling..... 11,739.70
 Automobile Expense..... 10,880.21
 Workmen's Compensation and Medical Aid..... 262.80
 Supplies..... 4.04

81,873.00

Elevator Construction and Maintenance—

Office Salaries and Wages..... 11,917.10
 Foremen's Salaries and Wages..... 3,827.47
 Elevator Inspection Costs..... 4,447.07
 Travelling..... 3,253.13
 Workmen's Compensation and Medical Aid..... 1,184.22
 Supplies..... 576.72
 Automobile Expenses..... 469.95
 Warehouse Rental..... 100.00
 Freight, Express and Cartage..... 40.32

25,815.98

Administration—

(Proportion from Alberta Wheat Pool).

Publicity..... 14,370.89
 Field Service..... 10,678.94
 Employees' Life Insurance..... 9,583.28
 Directors' Fees and Sustenance..... 9,338.75
 Directors' Travelling Expenses..... 1,300.92
 Legal Fees..... 2,983.81

48,256.59

Depreciation—

Buildings—5 %..... 464,057.54
 Elevator Equipment—33 1-3%..... 14,740.67

(Pool Manager's Report on page 12.)

Autos, Trucks and Track Loaders

—25%..... 6,483.84
 Office Equipment—10%..... 5,505.37
 Terminal Equipment—20%..... 710.27

491,497.69

Interest, Exchange and Brokerage—

Interest—Operating.....\$304,392.53

—Capital Expenditure..... 517,569.08

821,961.61

Exchange and Payor's Commission.. 30,056.26

Excise Tax..... 3,725.62

Brokerage and Grain Commissions.. 51.86

855,795.35

Balance, being excess charges undistributed..... 16,399.29

\$3,210,164.13

Elevator and Elevation Charges.....\$1,150,085.92

Carrying Charges..... 958,832.92

Storage..... 555,928.73

Grain Operations..... 255,788.65

Service Charges..... 115,760.87

Screenings—Terminal..... 53,062.86

Diversion Premiums..... 52,229.10

Rentals..... 32,894.05

Cleaning and Separation..... 22,773.64

Gross Profit from Coal Sales..... 9,721.24

Wharfage..... 1,031.80

Water Revenue..... 791.55

Unloading Charges..... 729.25

Drying Charges..... 533.55

\$3,210,164.13

Alberta Oil Pool Making Steady Progress

Winter Organization Campaign Meeting with Favorable Response Everywhere

By D. M. MALIN, Managing Director

THE Alberta Oil Pool has now been in operation six months. During that time we have been trying to concentrate along two major lines of action; namely, building up an organization that will ensure our handling the maximum volume in 1931, and investigating the markets and sources of supply with the view of being assured a commodity of high quality at a fair price. During the past summer and fall lubricants have been distributed practically all over Alberta from our Calgary and Edmonton warehouses. Considering the fact that we did not get under way until late in the season and that our volume has been built up from nothing, the total business done has been very gratifying.

Next Important Work

Our next important work is that of organizing country points where tanks and warehouses can be set up to take care of distribution not only of lubricants, but also of fuel oils. Our objective is not less than fifteen points. We already have five, and wherever we have been to date the response of the farmers has been magnificent.

Enough capital by way of preference shares has been subscribed by the people of these districts to ensure the installation of facilities and operation next spring. This seems to indicate clearly that the farmer is determined to make a real effort to lower his costs of production.

The one thing necessary for us to make our buying power felt is volume. The more support received in our organization campaign this winter, the greater will be the number of distributing units which we can set up, the larger will be our distribution in 1931, and consequently, the greater our bargaining power in the market.

A conference was recently held between representatives of co-operative oil pur-

chasing enterprises in the three Prairie Provinces with the view of still further consolidating our buying power by joint inter-Provincial action. While nothing definite has yet been done, we are working closely together.

Any U.F.A. or other groups who may be interested in organizing in their territory can obtain any information desired by writing Head Office, 413 Lougheed Building, Calgary.

Farm Board Protects Prices

When the Liverpool and the Winnipeg Grain Exchanges began to show signs of utter demoralization on the 15th of October and the Grain Exchanges in Chicago and Minneapolis threatened to follow suit, the Federal Farm Board of the United States took immediate steps to avert panic on the exchanges of that country. The Board decided to take steps to save wheat prices at any cost. Open announcement was made that the Farm Board was operating on the grain exchanges and it was declared if necessary the entire year's surplus of the United

States, amounting to 200,000,000 bushels, would be purchased.

Wheat bought by the Board's Grain Corporation in the last few weeks is estimated at between ten and twenty million bushels and its total holdings at more than 70 million bushels. Last spring the Board bought millions of bushels at a pegged price of \$1.25 and its losses are now estimated at about \$30,000,000. Another hundred million dollars may be needed in order to stabilize prices. Congress authorized \$500,000,000 but it has appropriated only half that sum to date.

Immediately the Board's operations on the exchanges became public the downward slide of prices halted. December prices were holding at 73 cents a bushel.

Import Duties on Coarse Grains

The present import duties on coarse grains, according to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, are as follows:

	Oats	Barley	Rye
	(cents per bushel)		
United States.....	16	20	15
France.....	18.2	12.8	20.8
Greece.....	20.8	29.4	42.9
Sweden.....	Free	21.5	25.1
Italy.....	9.7	16.7	22.1
Belgium.....	2.54	Free	Free
Germany.....	44.1	...	90.5
Other barley.....	...	31.1	...
Feed barley.....	...	77.7	...
Great Britain and Denmark—all grains on free list.

JOINT CONSIGNMENTS SAVE FREIGHT

A farmer at Elnora recently shipped to a fur dealer in Edmonton a hide weighing 48 lbs. The hide fetched \$1.56; the freight was \$1.12, leaving 44 cents to the farmer. Many farmers are unaware or forget that a minimum charge of 100 lbs. is made by the railways; for this reason it will frequently be found a good plan for two or three to club together when their individual shipments are less than 100 lbs. to make up a consignment and so save freight. In some cases when shipments have been made to eastern cities freight has cost more than the shipments have been worth.

Report of Manager of Alberta Wheat Pool

As Presented to Eighth Annual Meeting of Delegates

During the past season our total handlings of various grains on Pool basis consisted as follows:

Wheat.....	35,442,410 bus.
Coarse Grains—	
Oats.....	1,549,814 bus.
Barley....	265,738 "
Rye.....	118,910 "
Flax.....	4,198 "
	1,938,660 bus.
Total.....	37,381,070 bus.

Above handlings of wheat represent 45.6 per cent of total wheat marketed in Alberta compared to 67,168,756 bushels wheat marketed on Pool basis 1928-29 season, and which represented 45½ per cent of total wheat marketed in the Province that season.

In connection with our 1929-30 handlings of wheat, 32,535,130 bushels were shipped west, representing 92 per cent of total, with balance, approximately 3,000,000 bushels, shipped east, as compared to approximately 72 per cent shipped west 1928-29 season.

Of our total handlings of wheat this past season 30,059,875 bushels were handled through Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, and over the platform, representing approximately 85 per cent, with balance through elevators of Line Companies.

Handlings of coarse grains through Pool Elevators also represented 85 per cent of such handlings delivered on Pool basis.

Grades One Northern to Feed inclusive represented approximately 96 per cent of our total 1929 Pool handlings, of which less than 1 per cent were included in Nos. 5, 6 and Feed, as compared to 98 per cent consisting of One Northern to Feed delivered to 1928 Pool, with 45 per cent of that total included in these three lowest grades.

Operation and Administration expenses of our Provincial Pool for the past season, September 1st, 1929, to July 15th, 1930, consisting of 10 1-2 months, as indicated in the accompanying Statement of Operations, amounted to \$275,873.99. Based on full 12 months' period of operations for comparative purposes with previous years, our Administration expenses would have amounted to .84c per bushel, (slightly over 4-5 of one cent) on wheat handled, as compared to .52c per bushel (approximately 1-2 of one cent) 1928-1929 season. It will be noted from Statement of Expenses that a small portion of above expenses has been allocated against coarse grains to the extent of .25 cents per bushel (¼ of one cent). Our Statement of Operations for the past season also shows distribution to our Pool members of \$150,669.12 in the way of Farm Storage, representing an extra payment to those Pool members who withheld delivery of their wheat until after November 30th, 1929. Of this amount approximately 85 per cent was paid on deliveries through Pool Elevator facilities.

Our Elevator and Commercial Reserve Funds, as shown on our Balance Sheet, now total slightly over \$7,400,000, all of which has been properly allocated on our records. No deductions for Reserves, of course, have been available from proceeds of 1929 deliveries.

Our three branch offices, Edmonton, Vancouver and Winnipeg, have continued during the past season to render important services to our members.

Additional information as to details is submitted under respective Departments.

Grain Department

Our total handlings on Pool basis of all grains, as previously mentioned, amounted to 37,381,070 bushels, consisting of 95 grades wheat and 52 grades coarse grains, and such grades and quantities were duly accounted for at the close of the season through the records of this Department.

In addition to grain records, responsibility of our financial records of the various Departments of our Association, apart from the Elevator Department, are included as part of the work of this Department, and with the accumulations from year to year, such work becomes more complicated.

Growers' Department

Our 1929-30 Pool receipts, consisting of 37,381,070 bushels of all grains, have been recorded through approximately 40,000 accounts of Pool members, assembled at 629 shipping points through the Province, and all work in connection with identification of these deliveries has been properly taken care of.

During the past season some 12,000 claims and assignments of various forms have been duly recorded against deliveries of Pool members.

In connection with deductions for Elevator and Commercial Reserve Funds, we now have approximately 81,600 Reserve accounts recorded at 704 shipping points, and representing a total of over \$7,400,000. Maintaining proper records of these Reserves each year represents a steadily increasing responsibility.

Contract Department

During the past twelve months 2,137 Second Series Contracts have been recorded, making a total of 43,052 members as at October 31st last, with an acreage of 4,829,887, which represents approximately 64 per cent of total acreage of wheat under crop in 1930 in Alberta. During the same period 608 Coarse Grains Contracts were received, making a total of 5,627 members, with an acreage of 314,067. Our membership has now reached a total only 816 short of the total First Series membership as recorded at the end of the first five year period, while the wheat acreage under contract is already 750,000 in excess of the total recorded under our First Series Marketing Agreement. We are of the opinion, however, that in order to arrive at a more accurate basis of actual wheat acreage under contract, that the above figures should be discounted at least 10 per cent to provide for natural loss through death, sale of land, and also substantial acreage recorded which is subject to crop security in various forms.

Our 1930 Membership Lists were sent out to all members during the period specified in our By-laws, and it would appear that these lists are now practically free from errors, judging from the very few complaints which were received through names being included in the wrong list owing to members having changed their location without notice to our office.

Details of District and Sub-District figures for both membership and acreage of wheat and coarse grains are shown in the accompanying schedule.

Field Service Department

During the past year the Field Service Staff has been composed of ten permanent men. Mr. J. E. Von Schmidt was employed for a short time during the summer to do work in the German speaking districts, at the request of some of the Delegates.

During the period September 1st, 1929, to September 1st, 1930, 623 meetings were held with a total attendance of 36,634, or an average of 59 at each meeting. Our Fieldmen also made 10,048 calls on farmers and 2,008 calls on business men to discuss Pool matters, as well as 2,539 calls at Pool elevators to discuss Pool affairs with the Agents and to meet Pool members. They also gave attention to 342 complaints which were received. During this period our Fieldmen secured 204 contracts direct and rendered considerable assistance to Canvassers in connection with a substantial number of new contracts completed and forwarded through such canvassers to this office.

In connection with deliveries made by Pool members to Line Elevators at points where a Pool Elevator was in operation, our Fieldmen called on over 1,200 Pool members in an effort to ascertain reasons for such members delivering through Line facilities. We feel that this work was well worth while as it gave our Fieldmen an opportunity to get in direct contact with these members and to explain to them advantages, as well as necessity, of them patronizing their own facilities insofar as possible. Undoubtedly, our Field Representatives have assisted materially at many points in the Province, especially during peak of deliveries, to influence our membership in completing their deliveries through their own Pool elevator facilities.

Assistance was given to the Publicity Department by taking charge of the Pool booths and exhibits at the Fairs. Considerable assistance was also given to other Departments to help clear up matters that could not be handled in a satisfactory manner by mail.

As indicated in report submitted by your Directors, it was considered advisable to rearrange territory under supervision of our respective Fieldmen for the purpose of effecting a reduction in expenses of this Department in view of general conditions, and on September 1st, 1930, territory was readjusted on the basis of reducing our permanent Field Representatives from ten (10) in number to eight (8), with territory allocated as follows:

"A" District—Norman Nelson, Coaldale.

"B" District and "C" 5 and "E" 1—E. E. Eisenhauer, Calgary.

"C" District, except "C" 5, "E" 2, "E" 3, "E" 4—Wm. Pettinger, Calgary.

"D" District and "F" District—George Chard, Stettler.

"E" 5, "E" 6 with "E" 8, "E" 9, "E" 10 and half of "E" 7—W. F. Grafton, Grande Prairie.

"G" District and S. half of "E" 7—J. P. Watson, Edmonton.

Ukrainian Districts—A. D. Babiuk, Vegreville.

French Districts—Louis Normandeau, Edmonton.

We have at the present time 401 Locals on our records. We have endeavored to give them every assistance to make them successful and keep them in contact with Head Office. In some sub-districts the members have felt the need of a sub-district Association to augment the work of the Locals, and at present we have 8 of these Associations on our records.

During the past year a substantial number of suspected breach of contract cases have been referred for investigation, which have been carefully followed up, resulting in some 45 cases being referred to the Board of Directors for consideration. Of this number 20 cases have been passed on to our solicitors for action. During the past year our solicitors have secured settlement of 22 cases in their hands and collected damages amounting to \$1,710.05, and 53 cases are still in their hands for attention. We have 465 cases of suspected breach of contract under observation as at the end of October, 1930.

Most of the names submitted to us are cases of deliveries at Line Elevators where there is a suspicion that breach of contract has occurred, and in a large percentage of these cases the wheat comes through later on Pool basis and the names are dropped from our lists of cases for observation.

In checking up cases of deliveries in names not on our membership list, during the past year we have secured 438 new contracts direct from interested parties and information has been obtained in over 1,100 cases enabling us to locate the contract under which such wheat was properly delivered on Pool basis.

During the year ending August 31st last, 924 Seed Permits were issued, and 255 Feed Permits.

Publicity Department

Throughout the past year the Publicity Department has been following much the same system of work as during the previous year. Through the columns of *The U.F.A.* newspaper, by means of radio broadcasting and the issuing of circulars and booklets, the membership and public have been provided with Pool information. An effort has been made to maintain publicity and educational work at the lowest possible cost. It was decided not to issue calendars for 1931 and newspaper advertising has also been reduced. Radio broadcasting is restricted to a fifteen-minute period during the fall and winter. Booths were arranged for at the Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge Exhibitions as in past years.

Special efforts have been made to interest children in the co-operative movement and books prepared for that purpose have been widely distributed. A steady demand for these has been indicated, particularly from rural schools,

Supplies Department

During the 10½ months period ending July 15th last our printing and stationery in all departments including Pool Elevators amounted to \$20,357.00, or less than one-half that expended during previous twelve months. During this same period over 500,000 pieces of mail were dispatched, being an average of 1,670 pieces each working day and at a total postage expenditure of \$12,750.00. Approximately 614,000 copies of *The U.F.A.*

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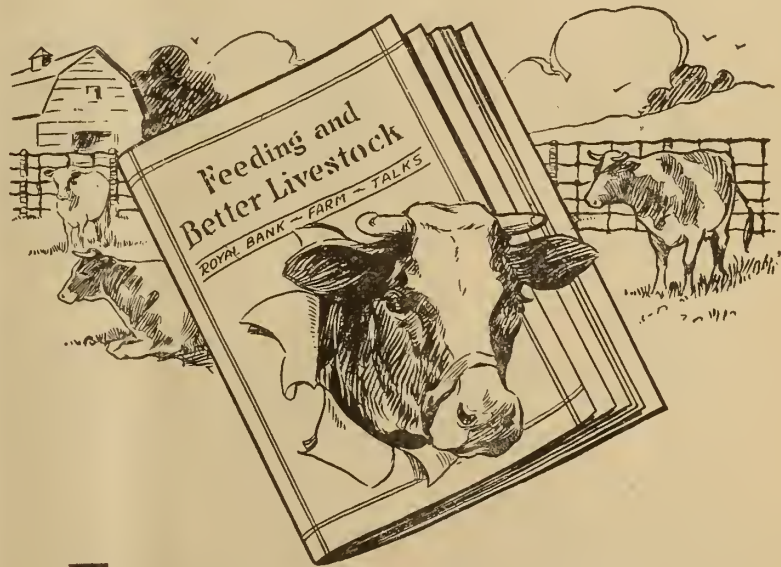


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Report on Alberta Pool Elevators, Ltd., Is Presented

Manager Reviews Season's Operations

As a result of our 1929 elevator program we had 439 Pool owned country elevators available to our members for receiving their 1929 crop. During the past year we have lost by fire 5 elevators located at Bon Accord, Hanna, Rockyford, Sedalia and Brownvale, all of which were promptly rebuilt, with the exception of Brownvale which at this date is being held in abeyance pending further investigation as to the advisability of rebuilding this fall.

Insofar as our 1930 elevator program is concerned, in view of general conditions, such was restricted by your Directors to one additional point located at Dawson Creek, B.C., where elevator now is in the course of construction. During the past summer we disposed of the older elevator of our two houses located at Lomond to a line company as we considered remaining elevator of recent construction would be capable of taking care of our requirements at that point for the present at least. This means that with our rebuilding at Brownvale, our Pool owned elevators still stand at 439 in number in the handling of 1930 crop as per accompanying list.

Total net handlings of our elevators 1929-30 season consisted of various grains, as follows:

Pool Basis

Wheat ...	29,770,675 Bus.
Oats ...	1,364,732 "
Barley ...	246,214 "
Rye.....	100,731 "
Flax.....	4,272 "
Total.....	31,486,624 Bus.

Non-Pool Basis

Wheat ...	627,389 Bus.
Oats.....	277,634 "
Barley ...	101,392 "
Rye.....	23,118 "
Flax.....	6,831 "
Total.....	1,036,364 Bus.

32,522,988 Bus.

Of the above Pool grain 16,256,608 bushels were handled on Street or Cash Ticket basis, and balance 15,230,016 bushels on stored basis. Our operations for the past season in regard to grades on Street grain resulted in a net gain of \$8,802.77. Overages and weights at our country elevators on grain handled amounted to .41 of one per cent (approximately 2-5 of 1 per cent) as compared to .55 of one per cent (slightly over 1-2 of 1 per cent) for previous season.

On basis of 439 Pool elevators in operation 1929-30 season, our handlings of grain through such elevators resulted in an average of 74,765 bushels per house, which, in view of all circumstances, in our opinion, should be regarded as very satisfactory.

In addition to above handlings through country elevators, our platform shipments 1929-30 season consisted of grain as follows:

Wheat.....	409,440 Bus.
Oats.....	64,912 "
Barley.....	14,388 "
Rye.....	7,190 "
Total.....	495,930 "

In connection with our Terminal elevators, we have continued during the past season to operate Terminal No. 2, Vancouver, and also Terminal at Prince Rupert under existing leases with Vancouver Harbor Board and Dominion Government, respectively. Our additional storage of two and three-quarter million bushels capacity, attached to our Pool owned Terminal No. 1, Vancouver, was completed early in November, 1929, and filled to capacity immediately following such being turned over to our Association by the contractors, and has been fully utilized in the way of storage since that date, along with balance of our terminal facilities at Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

Our handlings through our Terminals on Pacific Coast for the past season were as follows:

Vancouver, No. 1.....	20,086,756 Bus.
Vancouver No. 2.....	4,229,022 "
Prince Rupert.....	1,159,986 "

Total.....25,475,764 Bus.

As referred to in the report of the Board of Directors, negotiations were concluded last month with Panama Pacific Grain Company, Limited, for the leasing of their Terminal Elevator at Victoria, capacity approximately one million bushels, and we already have a substantial bushelage in store and additional quantity en route to fill such Terminal to capacity.

Of our 1929-30 handlings through Pool elevators, less than three million bushels of all grains were shipped East, all of which was shipped under special arrangement to Terminals controlled by Manitoba and Saskatchewan Pools, or in alternative, to Terminals with which arrangements existed for the payment of a diversion premium.

It will be noted from the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations of Alberta Pool Elevators Limited, that net results of 1929-30 season operations show an earning of \$16,399.29, after having provided for all expenses of operations, as well as interest on capital investment and depreciation at 5 per cent on all Pool Elevator properties. While our net earnings for the past season show a substantial decrease as compared to 1928-29 operations, we consider such results as being very satisfactory, having in mind that our average handlings per elevator were less than one-half as compared to the previous season, and also the fact that our 1929 crop of high grade quality along with outgoing terminal standards being raised, have served to restrict earnings from terminal standpoint to a considerable extent as compared to previous crops.

As shown in our Statement of Operations, our Pool Elevator system during the past season had a very favorable earning over previous years, in the way of carrying charges on grain held in country elevators, as well as by way of storage earned with our terminal facilities, and these two important revenues made possible such satisfactory operating results.

Owing to light crop conditions in 1929 over a considerable portion of the Province, grain available at a number of points was delivered early in the new year, and in accordance with policy dis-

cussed at our Annual Meeting of Delegates last November, such points were canvassed and in practically all instances, arrangements were completed satisfactory to our members for the closing of our elevators on certain dates. Under this program, commencing January 1st last, we closed 80 elevators, which included several duplicate points, and such action resulted in a considerable saving in our operating costs and was taken care of, we believe, without any serious inconvenience to our members.

In regard to proposed basis as to closing of elevators, etc., for present season, separate memorandum is being submitted for the consideration of our Delegates.

In view of our 1930 elevator construction program being restricted and also another light crop being in evidence, arrangements we made at first of present handling season for a reduction in supervision of our country elevators from sixteen Travelling Superintendents to fourteen in number, and this reduction appears to be working out satisfactorily.

Our policy of proper maintenance of our elevator properties in the way of necessary repairs has been adhered to during the past season, and condition of our facilities from an operating standpoint is very satisfactory.

In closing, I desire to make mention that our Staff throughout our Organization, including our Elevator Agents, have shown a definite appreciation of the various problems involved in our operations over the past season, and through their close co-operation have made their proper contribution to the results of our operations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. PURDY,
Manager.

ADVOCATES REDUCED PRODUCTION

Smaller production of wheat in the Western Provinces as a means of solving the grain problem was advocated by Hon. Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion, in an address at Toronto before 500 farm boys of Ontario, November 18th. "The solution I see is to decrease our growing of wheat so that it will not be too far above our actual requirements," declared Major Weir. "After all, the only market we really control is the home market. We have no control over the markets of the world. We are at a psychological time in agriculture today," the Federal Minister continued. "It is recognized that there must be a readjustment and I believe the mind of Canada is such that people will support anything that will further the interests of agriculture. The danger lies in following a wrong policy."

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It would be interesting if the apparent trifles that the word Christmas brings to mind, were presented before us; how full of meaning to us and yet how trivial to some one else! What does the magical word conjure up to you? Some particular little Christmas fairy that decorated the Christmas tree? A golden orange a-top a stocking? The gleam of firelight as we looked back at the stockings in a row? The Christmas story from the Bible as we still sat at the table? A Christmas carol ringing in our ears? Some particular dish that graced the Christmas table and seemed reserved for that day alone?

Probably to each of us there are different pictures; That first greeting of "Merry Christmas" in the morning—and when the ambition of the family was to see who could say it first in the morning—distressingly early it must have seemed to our elders who had been busy with the extra work the holiday brings—the carrying of greetings to our neighbors, the Christmas games after dinner or whatever we made a Christmas custom on that particular day. But more important than the things we see in memory, is the Christmas spirit that comes through the years.

Whatever other memories there may remain no doubt the giving and receiving of gifts have played an important part. From the earliest story many of us remember of the wise men bringing gifts, it has seemed to be one of the natural things to do.

Thought From the Giver

Probably very few of us, though, have as the centre of our Christmas memories, the gifts of greatest value which we received as children, and as we grew older it has not been the ones which cost the most, which warmed our hearts most, but the ones that showed greatest thought from the giver.

Fortunate indeed it is that such is the case; otherwise to many this Christmas would not figure as one of the happy memories to cherish. Last year a great many of us thought that farm conditions were at as low an ebb as necessary, but this year seems to be much more lean. Happily on the farm though many may seem desperately poor, poverty here usually means that there is a roof over the children's heads and something for them to wear, while in the city poverty can mean no shelter and no food and the added misery of seeing others with plenty and to spare.

And after all it is for the children and the memories that we can give them that we most regret our inability to do as we wish for Christmas. However, happy memories for children are often bought with a small price. I remember a neigh-

bor of ours one time when I was away from home very kindly took our then small son's stocking home and returned it with a ten-cent piece in the toe. To this day when he recounts it I think he gets a memory of the thrill that was to him and I know that he will always have that most pleasant memory of a kindly thought without a great expenditure of money.

There are Christmas stories too that seem always to be recalled when we are thinking of Christmas. The old, old story of the Christ child in the manger and the shepherds with their flocks, with the Christmas star shining over all, is one of our earliest stories; a story we knew before we could read for ourselves.

One of the greatest and simplest Christmas stories always seems to be Dickens' Christmas Carol with its tale of Tiny Tim and Scrooge. Scrooge with his riches but with a heart without any love for his fellows or any thought of making another glad at Christmas. The pictures Dickens draws when Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig entertained their helpers and some of their neighbors who certainly could not repay them with a return party, and the jollity and merriment of the gathering at Scrooge's nephew's, make our own spirits gay and we feel like joining in their merriment. But the Christmas party that lingers longest in our memories is at the home of poor Bob Cratchet, with Tiny Tim the cripple really the central figure there. Martha and Belinda, Peter and the two young Cratchits and Tiny Tim would, we feel sure, have a glorious memory to store and yet share with others.

The Fourth Wise Man

Van Dyke's "Story of the Other Wise Man" seems always to be a beautiful one that comes to mind with the story of the Christmas star, and as always a child figures in it. The fourth wise man gave his most precious gifts to the sick, and suffering and needy, and in the end of the story heard: "Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren thou hast done it unto me."

Most of us have been given happy memories to help crowd out the present disappointment and now we in turn are trying to create a happiness and Christmas spirit worth passing on. Whatever we do or wherever we are, surely there will always be the same old, old wish which I now pass on to you: "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year; to which we might add Tiny Tim's "God bless us every one."

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

A FINE CROP

"How has your potato crop turned out, old chap?" asked one ardent amateur gardener of his neighbor.

"Splendid, old man," replied the other; "some are as big as marbles, some as big as peas, and, of course, quite a lot of little ones."—*Montreal Star*.

Activities of the U.F.W.A.

"We had some fine meetings once a month during the year," states Mrs. Anna L. van Dam, secretary of Wild Rose U.F.W.A. Local, "and on Hallowe'en Eve we had a sheet and pillowslip masked dance, which was a great success. So now we have enough money to send a delegate to the Annual Convention."

The subject of "Peace" was discussed in several interesting speeches at the last meeting of the Beddington U.F.W.A. Local by Mrs. William Carson and Rev. Charles Pinder of Calgary. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. O. Short, and was well attended, and a very enjoyable lunch was served.

Mrs. Warr addressed the November meeting of Belmont U.F.W.A. Local, on the co-operative spirit; she referred to co-operation in the home and in the community, stressing the benefits which would be impossible without co-operation. Mrs. Robert Cowan, secretary, writes that Mrs. Hepburn also spoke on Junior work, and "both addresses were very interesting and were very much appreciated." Mrs. Mitchell was hostess to the meeting.

Answers to the roll call at the November meeting of Malmö U.F.W.A. Local were "exceptionally good," reports Mrs. Elsie Richards. "We answered by telling what we were most thankful for this year, also the latest book we had read. Miss Mary McLaughlin gave a very good paper on education, and Mrs. Emburton told us about creative education."

Miss Nora Mundell, secretary Okotoks U.F.W.A. Local, writes: "At our November meeting we had with us Mrs. Elliot of Calgary, who gave a talk on chiropractic; she enlightened us very much on this subject. The U.F.A. met also, and after our meetings we played progressive whist for a couple of hours, and then we served lunch and had a nice social time. we are hoping for more through the winter."

Turin U.F.W.A. Local have decided to apply for the travelling clinic and the baby clinic next year. At the last meeting, also, writes Mrs. Roy Handley, it was decided after some discussion to have a course in basketry next summer. Mrs. John Bunn, Mrs. A. Mitchell and Mrs. Roy Handley were chosen delegates to the Lethbridge convention. Mrs. Taylor gave a very good paper on health and child welfare, which concluded a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Edith Cooper writes that Strathcona U.F.W.A. Local held meetings in September and October, and that it is hoped to revive the Local for next year. She sends the following report of the first meeting: "After a lapse of eighteen months, Strathcona Local met at the home of the president, Mrs. Christie, the occasion being a demonstration dinner, given by an aluminum company. A large number of friends and neighbors were present, and a most enjoyable meal was served. Afterwards, a lecture on diet and food values was given by one of the company's demonstrators, who also answered many questions. The hostess was presented with a frying pan of the new aluminum, and Mrs. Anderson was the lucky winner in the drawing for the small one. The regular program then started with 'O Canada' and all joined in 'Annie Laurie.' The Health Bulletin from Central was read, followed by an address by Mrs. Hepburn who gave a very full and instructive explanation of the Health Units being formed in the Province. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Hepburn to our Local for the winter months. Mrs. Strong, of Edmonton,

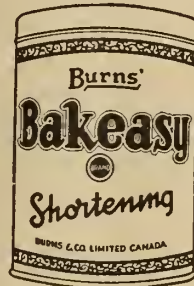
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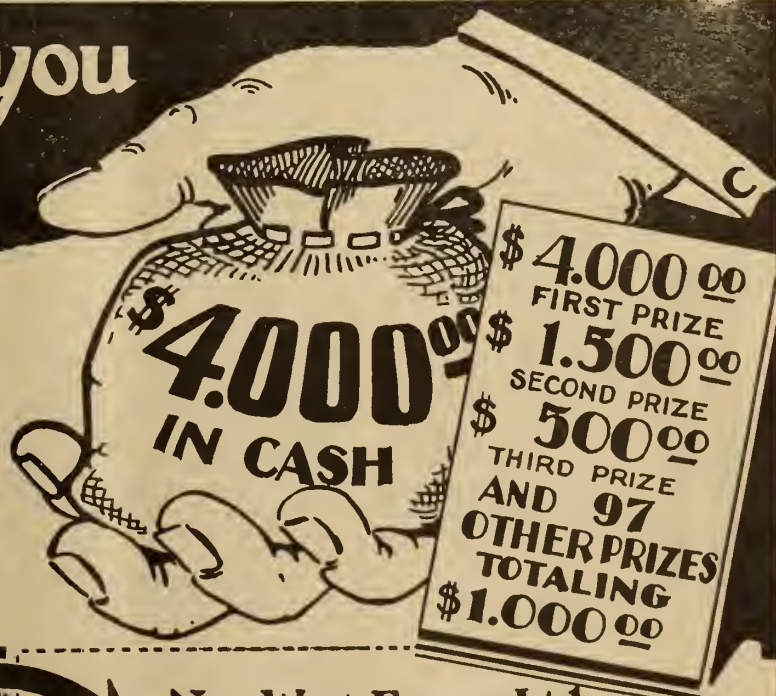
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Lethbridge Constituency Holds First U.F.W.A. Conference

By INEZ R. BENNETT

The first U.F.W.A. Conference to be held in the Lethbridge Federal Constituency took place on Friday, November 7th, at the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, with both morning and afternoon sessions, Mrs. Marie Malloy, district director, presiding and over one hundred ladies in attendance.

So successful was this first conference venture that a decision was made in the morning session to appoint an executive to act in an advisory capacity to Mrs. Malloy in sponsoring annual U.F.W.A. Conferences in this constituency hereafter. Accordingly, early in the afternoon session the following executive was appointed by acclamation: President, Mrs. Marie Malloy, Warner; first vice-president, Mrs. H. Flock, Lethbridge; second vice-president, Mrs. Inez R. Bennett, Magrath; third vice-president, Mrs. Haines, Turin; with Miss Molly Coupland, of White School District, Lethbridge, as secretary-treasurer.

It will be the business of this executive to arrange annual U.F.W.A. Conferences in the constituency to promote better understanding between Locals and further the purposes of the organization.

Over 60 ladies attended the morning session, which was opened with the singing of "O Canada," followed by remarks by the President of Lethbridge Central Local, Mrs. N. F. Priestley, after which reports from the various Locals represented were heard as follows: Raymond, Mrs. D. Woolley; Magrath, Mrs. N. C. Nielsen; Wrentham, Mrs. Eliason; Warner, Mrs. Pitman; Lethbridge Central, Mrs. N. F. Priestley; all of which showed excellent progress and enthusiasm among the members, the larger Locals being naturally the most active.

Mothers' Allowances

Andrew Smeaton, M.L.A., Labor member for Lethbridge, gave a most interesting and comprehensive paper on the "Mothers' Allowance Act" as it concerns the five provinces having such legislation on their statute books, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, stressing the various phases of administration of the act.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec are now considering legislation along similar lines to that in force in the aforementioned five Provinces.

"Mothers' allowance legislation is the beginning of the assurance of complete state responsibility for the economic stability of family life, whether in the form of social insurance or supervised special relief," quoted the speaker. "The trend of modern thought as a result of social reform is turning more to the home as the unit of the social fabric. Mothers' Allowance schemes which have now passed the experimental stage are outstanding evidence of this and may be classed as advanced constructive legislation."

Comparisons were offered between the acts in force in the five Provinces with this kind of legislation stressing by whom administered; beneficiaries; residence qualifications; citizenship qualifications; disabilities of child or guardian, with suggestions concerning necessary changes in the act as it applies in Alberta.

The social value of citizens keeping in close contact with the work of the Legislature in this respect was pointed out and recommendation made that a widely representative board, changed regularly but not too frequently, would be a check on any tendency to bureaucratic methods. The above suggestion was not offered as criticism of any existing official.

The name of the Superintendent of Neglected Children might be changed to that of Director of Child Welfare, suggested Mr. Smeaton, thus removing the stigma that children coming under the terms of the act are neglected.

The payment of the mothers' allowance in Alberta is limited to two classes: (1) wife of a person committed to a hospital under the Mental Diseases Act; (2) wife of a man who is unable to support his family by reason of total disability resulting from sickness or accident which may continue for at least one year. This latter amendment is not yet proclaimed, but it was passed in 1926. The limiting of the payment of the allowance to mothers could and should be broadened to include suitable foster parents for the maintenance of the child. Four other Provinces have extended their terms of the act to include the above and the speaker considered Alberta would benefit greatly by doing likewise.

In Alberta, unless the death or commitment to an institution for the insane of the father occurred within the Province, the mother can only qualify if she lived in the Province at the time of the passing of the act in 1919. Mr. Smeaton considered this restriction could very well be removed, considering that Provinces adjacent to Alberta have legislation of this kind and the need for protection against invasion is not necessary.

Manitoba has the broadest provisions in respect to citizenship qualifications, allowance being payable in respect to any child who was born in Canada, through an amendment of 1924.

All acts governing this legislation could be made uniform so that arrangements could be made between Provinces to permit of more elastic movement of beneficiaries from one Province to another. For instance, a mother may desire to move to a Province where she has relatives and should not on this account be disqualified of her allowance.

Mr. Smeaton, in closing his remarks, appealed to those present to investigate this "most beneficial and socially important legislation with a view to future necessary amendments."

District Health Units

Mrs. Aaron Ross, president of the Raymond U.F.W.A. Local, who has made an intensive study of the subject, gave an interesting paper on District Health Units, reviewing the amendment to the Public Health Act passed in 1929, also the necessary requirements for the establishment of district health units and the duties of the district board of health and staff of the district health unit.

In concluding her remarks, Mrs. Ross made the following appeal to women: "Let us as women voters interest ourselves in this most vital question and see

to it that the health of our population, old and young, receives the attention due; that adjustments are made which will be to the benefit of all and find a real solution to the health problem of our Province."

At the afternoon session over one hundred ladies were present and after the appointment of an executive for future conferences, reports were given from the following U.F.W.A. Locals: White, Mrs. Judd; Newlands, Mrs. Green; Raley, Mrs. Flock.

Address on Mental Hygiene

Dr. Fitzpatrick, of the mental health department, Edmonton, then addressed the conference on the subject of mental hygiene.

The prevention of mental disorders is a problem of increasing importance as the increase in the number of cases in the mental hospitals not only shows needed additional assistance, but substantially increases provincial expenditures and may in future become a burden on the sparse population of Alberta.

Mental disease is not new but is a long-drawn-out gradual process extending over a period of years of maladjustment to environment and often the result of various diseases. Early treatment is necessary if the patient is to receive maximum benefits.

Different phases of mental disorders were treated briefly by the speaker also methods of handling the cases which attend the mental clinics.

Careful choosing of an occupation suited to the temperament of an individual would do much to alleviate many of the disastrous results already evident where such precautions were not taken.

The nature of a child should always be considered before punishment is administered.

The establishing of mental health clinics in Alberta is an example of the forward measures adopted by the Alberta Government, and Dr. Fitzpatrick paid a compliment to the U.F.W.A. as being the most forward organization in the Province in connection with the establishment of these clinics. When asked concerning establishment of clinics in the country districts, Dr. Fitzpatrick stated it was inadvisable at present but rural patients could be admitted to the city clinic which opens in Lethbridge November 14 at the Nursing Mission.

Mrs. Price Speaks

Mrs. R. Price, of Stettler, Second Vice-President of the Provincial U.F.W.A., gave the concluding address, reviewing the early organization of the U.F.W.A. its difficulties, its enterprising membership and the many accomplishments of the organization since its inception.

Mrs. Price dealt briefly with the education, health, co-operative legislation, and the work of the various committees in the organization, showing the fruits of concerted effort.

In her concluding remarks she pleaded with the women to study closely the problems of the day, so as to keep pace with the younger generation and to show kindness and sympathy toward the new Canadians and strangers within our gates, believing that all nationalities have much to contribute to the making of a finer and better Canada. The fight for world peace should be first fought at home.

The U.F.W.A. has in the past accomplished much in the fields of legislation and co-operation and, with the help of other organizations has secured legisla-

tion equalizing parental rights, the Dower Act and the amendments to the Divorce Act granting equality in divorce and the right of domicile; the act for the illegitimate child; and since 1919 has progressed from two or three district nurses working over a large area to the present establishment of health clinics, travelling clinics and psychopathic wards in various hospitals.

Home beautification; assistance to the unemployed girl by helping to establish hostels in the larger centers with a home atmosphere; Junior Conference Week at the University of Alberta which has proven so beneficial to boys and girls, were all briefly discussed.

Social and Political Problems

"A woman isn't making the very best sort of a mother unless she is taking an active interest in the political life and social problems of her community and Province," declared Mrs. Price in her plea to the women to become well informed on these matters. So many avenues of information are open to the women of today there is no excuse to be ignorant of these matters. Every woman should make the very best use of the franchise.

"The women of the U.F.W.A. are striving that the women of the farms shall be first in all that is for universal uplift," were the closing remarks of this enthusiastic speaker, who held her audience spellbound throughout.

Mrs. Price's visit was greatly appreciated.

During the afternoon a reading was given by Mrs. Inez R. Bennett, of Magrath and a vocal solo by Miss Jessie Lindley. Community singing was also enjoyed at intervals.

At the close of the afternoon session a delightful informal dinner was enjoyed, ladies of Lethbridge Central Local acting as hostesses. The tables were artistically decorated with autumn leaves and flowers and low bowls of fruit. Quantities of excellent food of the home made variety furnished by each Local present, loaded the tables and a pleasant dinner hour ensued.

In addition to the splendid efforts of Mrs. Malloy much credit is also due Mrs. Clara A. King, Vice-President of Lethbridge Federal Association, for the splendid success of the Conference and her utmost co-operation with Mrs. Malloy.

Christmas Recipes

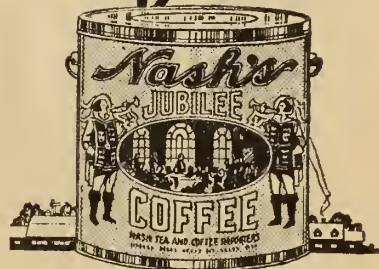
By AUNT CORDELIA

MINCE MEAT: 18 medium-sized, tart apples, peeled and chopped; 3-4 lb. suet, finely chopped; 3 lbs. raisins; 2 lbs. currants; 1-2 lb. mixed, thinly sliced peel; juice 2 lemons; 1 quart tart preserves; 3 cups white sugar, 2 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons cinnamon, 1 tablespoon allspice, 1 tablespoon cloves, 1 teaspoon salt.

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from setting. Raisins, glazed cherries and different kinds of peel may be used in decoration; many other ideas will suggest themselves. Here is the recipe for the fondant: 2 1-2 lbs. sugar, 1 1-2 cups hot water, 1-4 teaspoon cream of tartar. Put ingredients into a smooth granite saucepan; stir and heat gradually to

boiling point. Boil without stirring until when tried in cold water a soft ball may be formed that will just keep its shape. Pour slowly on a buttered plate. Let stand for a minute or two to cool, then work with a wooden spoon until white and creamy. Set over night in a cold place.—Miss Edna Nielson.

A Page of Christmas Patterns

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REPORT OF POOL MANAGER

(Continued from page 13)

were addressed and mailed by this department from September 1st, 1929, to July 15th, 1930.

General Remarks

In view of usual payments not being available for distribution this past year, as well as through reduced handlings, it has been possible in recent months to effect a substantial reduction in our staff through our various Departments, with most of such reduction accounted for through transferring from other Departments to our Elevator Department. Total administrative staff in all departments, including our Elevator Department, October, 1930, number 203, compared to 232 October, 1929.

In line with our practice of previous years, every consideration has been given by your Management and Executive officials of all Departments of Alberta Wheat Pool as well as Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, in restricting our expenditures to necessary items consistent with the policy of our Association of extending reasonable service to our members.

In closing, I desire to assure our Delegates and Members that our Staff in all Departments during the past year have sincerely endeavored to extend proper service to our Members, and I trust the results of such effort as submitted in our Statement of Operations will be accepted as reasonably satisfactory to our membership.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. PURDY,
Manager.

Replying to Professor Gampbell

Manitoba Free Press (Nov. 20, 1930)—"Canada and Her Wheat Pool," the lecture delivered by Sydney S. Gampbell, M. Sc. Tech., at the City of London College on October 22nd, has now been published in pamphlet form, dignified by the heading "Grain Marketing Studies, Series 1, No. 1." It is published under the auspices of the *Grain Trade News* with a preface dated October 30th, which indicates that Mr. Gampbell's lecture made fast time between London and Winnipeg, so fast indeed that one wonders if Mr. Gampbell's lecture did not make its real start from Winnipeg, going thence to London with arrangements for simultaneous release.

Mr. Gampbell begins his lecture with the statement that he wants to give the Pool "sympathetic consideration." He then devotes half a hundred pages of closely printed pages to an attack that would make a meeting between Christian martyrs and the Roman lions look like a Sunday School picnic. He suggests that Western farmers are at the mercy of demagogues and that Pool leaders have been guilty of cant. With the dispassion of the classroom he delivers himself of such sentences as this: "When we come to consider what on earth possessed the Canadians to take up the attitude they did, etc." He talks of "empty boasting," and "kowtowing to the omnipotent Pool" which last, we hasten to add, is sarcasm of what is known as the heavy type. Napoleon and Tirpitz are tossed into the ring for the purposes of comparison, but Jack the Ripper and Gyp the Blood are omitted, presumably because this is a "sympathetic" description of Pool activities.

Reading on through this pamphlet we find suddenly upon page 50 that George

McIvor and A. J. McPhail are referred to as George McIvor, Esq., and A. J. McPhail, Esq. This excess of courtesy remains unexplained until we discover that Mr. Gampell objects violently to Pool officials referring to "Broomhall." Broomhall is a well-known wheat statistical authority. His name in the trade is the name of an institution as well known as McGill University, but Mr. Gampell takes a heavy wallop at Mr. McIvor for not referring to "Mr." Broomhall. The breach of courtesy weighs on him so much that one wonders if Mr. Gampell should not be referred to as Mrs. Gampell. There is something feminine in this strict adherence to social convention. However since it has offended Mr. Gampell, Mr. McIvor might suggest to Mr. Gampell that hereafter he will always refer to Mr. Broomhall if Mr. Gampell in return will always refer to Mr. McGill's University.

In the statement quoted, Mr. McIvor expresses his belief that Broomhall had underestimated world wheat requirements. Mr. Gampell thereupon calls Mr. McIvor a liar, which shows a degree of sympathy with the Pool that is usually associated with acute indigestion. Mr. Gampell then accuses Mr. McIvor of not being as old as Mr. Broomhall. Birth certificates should be produced to settle that dispute.

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These are the trimmings of Mr. Gampell's lecture, and they will do much to defeat its purpose, which is to show that the Pool experiment has been a failure in Western Canada. It is propaganda, and apart from the childish animus that disfigures it, it is a powerful argument that needs an answer, if an answer can be found. It is first of all an attack upon Pool aims, and the quotations from Pool leaders' speeches and from their written statements are well chosen to show that the Wheat Pool was doing its best to hold up the consumer. So far as it succeeded, so far also it was a factor in increasing wheat acreage all over the world, with results now apparent. It was playing the game hard as it saw it, but others played it too. In the second place it is an indictment of Pool management and efficiency, and here, too, there is cause for careful reading.

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From the point of view of those who would be glad to see the Pool destroyed, however, it is a pity that the pamphlet is disfigured as much as it is. The booklet is intended for Western consumption, and Western farmers, with a long tradition of bitterness in their wheat marketing experiences, will hardly read Mr. Gampell's lecture with patience when they find him using a Bible text to drive his point home. The text is, "Let not this dead dog trouble my Lord, the King." Mr. Gampell was angry, apparently, but sweet reasonableness carries more conviction than abuse. It seems a pity that the City of London College should have loaned its auspices to such a "sympathetic consideration" of an important question.

United States Interstate Commerce Commission has given notice that it will require railroads to put into effect January 1st a general revision of rates on grain and grain products. It is anticipated that the revision rates will entail annual reductions of between 15 and 20 million dollars in freight charges on the total traffic.

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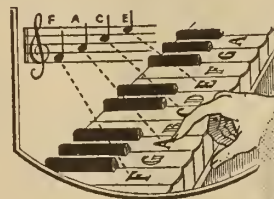
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Young Farm People's Reading Course 1930-31

The Minister of Agriculture is again offering two scholarships to be competed for by the young farm people in June, 1931. This year the scholarships will be open only to those who have not attended any of the schools of agriculture and must be used by the winners for the purpose intended. The scholarships each consist of one term, with room and board, at one of the Provincial Schools of Agriculture. One is offered for the girls and one for the boys.

Those who wish to compete for these scholarships are required to follow the Reading Course prescribed by the Department of Extension, to come up to the University of Alberta for the Farm Young People's Week in June, 1931, and to write the examinations set at the end of the week on the books read and on the lectures given during the week. The scholarships are awarded to the boy and girl who stand highest in these examinations. The Department of Extension reserves the right to make no recommendation for the scholarships unless the papers come up to a sufficiently high standard.

The books prescribed for the Reading Course during the winter 1930-31 are:

"The Story of Mankind," by Hendrik Van Loon.

"Heroes of Modern Adventure," by T. C. Bridges and H. H. Tiltman.

"Maria Chapdelaine," by Louis Hemon.

"Nipsya," by Georges Bugnet.

It has been brought to the attention of the Department of Extension that certain parents object to their children reading "The Story of Mankind," because in the opening chapters—those dealing with Ancient Man—the author accepts the theory of evolution. In such cases two alternatives will be accepted. The young people may either omit that part of the book—the first sixteen pages—dealing with Ancient Man, and begin on page 17, with the story of the Egyptians; or, if their objection extends to the whole book, they may read instead, "Trail-makers of the Northwest," by P. L. Haworth.

In past years we have kept a record of all who began the reading with us, but we have never been able to find out exactly how many carried it through to the end. This year we are asking readers to follow a certain plan which will enable us to know just how much they are getting from their reading, and to each reader who completes the whole course in this way the Department of Extension will, in June, award a certificate. This carries no school or college credit, but is merely a recognition of perseverance. The certificates will be awarded, with the other awards, at the end of Young Farm People's Week. In the event of any winner not being able to be present, the certificate will be mailed to him and his name read out with the others.

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Junior News Items

Lily Baker, secretary of the Bar Harbor Hustlers writes that the Juniors are going to make a study of "World Peace" at their meetings.

Croesus Plains Junior Local held a tea and bazaar recently at which \$20 clear was realized. The U.F.W.A. Local helped the Juniors with donations. There are now seventeen members belonging to the Local and the meetings, held once a month, are well attended. writes Alice Hughes, secretary.

The Halloween party given by the Burlington Junior U.F.A. was a real success, writes Hilda Jensen, secretary. The school was prettily decorated for the occasion with witches, black cats, pumpkins, etc. Games were enjoyed by young and old until midnight, when a delicious lunch was served. After lunch a short program was given by some of the Junior members, and then dancing was enjoyed until early morning.

G. Ross Bacon, acting secretary of the North Edmonton Junior Local, reports the recent activities of that Local. At the October meeting Mrs. Hepburn, Convenor on Young People's Work, gave a very interesting address on "Ideals and Usefulness." Musical numbers were given by various members including numbers by the Cuckoo Quartette of boys. The meeting came to a close after a good round of community singing led by Mrs. Hepburn. The November meeting took the form of a masquerade party on Halloween night at the home of the Junior member Hilda Martyn. It was a real success, and prizes were given for the best costumes. Dancing was indulged in after the costume parade.

The monthly meeting of the Bismark Junior U.F.A. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoar on November 4th. Owing to the absence of the president, George Duel, vice-president, took the chair. "After the opening preliminaries the members got right down to business and an animated discussion took place as to how funds were to be raised to send a delegate to the next Junior Conference," writes Ida Reglin. It was decided to have a masquerade dance, and a committee was chosen to see to the details. After the meeting a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Hoar. The next meeting is to be held at Mr. McDowell's.

A meeting of the Monarch Junior U.F.A. was held in the Monarch school on October 24th. The meeting was opened by singing "O Canada." Miss Stalarna took the chair, as Gustave Alexander was absent. Mary Hunwick read a paper on "Training for Leadership" which was enjoyed by all present. The members have embroidered a bedroom set—scarf, spread and curtains—which will be raffled the night of the Christmas Concert at 25c a ticket or 5 for \$1. The Juniors would appreciate help from other Locals in disposing of the tickets. A free ticket is given with each book sold. The secretary, Miss Mary Hunwick, Monarch, would be glad to give full information to any interested. After the meeting the Juniors practiced a play they are putting on in the near future.

The monthly meeting of the Cornwall Valley Junior Local was held at the Cornwall Valley school on November 8th with eight members and one visitor present, writes George H. Biggs, Jr., acting secretary. The meeting was opened by singing "Alberta" to the tune of "John Brown's Body." A most interesting and well thought out address was given by David Ure on Education. The Junior Page of the October 1st issue was read by Mabel Swan and of the October 15th issue by Harold Lacey. It was decided to put on a stump debate at the next meeting, which will be held on December 6th, and to which every girl and boy

is welcome. The whist drive and dance given on October 31st was a decided success. Seven new members joined the Local, which brings the total membership up to twenty.

At the last meeting of Brant Juniors, held at the Holden home, it was decided to have a play. The boys are to have a mock trial on the 20th, and the girls a debate on the 6th. It was decided to meet twice each month, adds the secretary, Margaret Bateman.

Thelma Taylor, Lila Lougheed, Mr. Hettler and Donald Roy were prize winners at the games which formed the first part of the program at the Hallowe'en party given by Keystone Junior Local. Lunch was served at midnight, and "then everybody tripped the light fantastic," says a report from Elizabeth Hettler, secretary.

The Loyalty Juniors had an exceptionally interesting meeting on October 3rd, writes Margaret Hogg, secretary. After the usual business part of the meeting, the entertainment committee, Ronald Hepburn, Margaret Hogg, and Helen McComb led in community singing, which there was enthusiastic response and all the old favorites besides many of the late songs were sung. Games and contests were then enjoyed. It was decided to hold a Harvesters Dance on October 17th. Arrangements were also made for a Hallowe'en party and dance on October 31st. The Juniors have invited the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. to be present at the mock trial they expect to put on in the near future.

The Veteran Junior U.F.A. held a Hallowe'en party on Friday night, October 31st, at the home of the supervisor, Mrs. Armstrong. Each member invited a guest and all attended in masquerade costume. Prizes were awarded to Evelyn Walker, cowboy, 1st; Juanita Paulson, bride, 2nd; Frederika Poole, Chinaman, 3rd. Games were played, after which a dainty lunch was served. The Veteran Juniors have their annual bazaar preparations well under way. The date has been set for December 6th, and each member is doing her bit to make it as successful as possible. The booths and decorations are being worked out in Mother Goose motives.

At the last meeting of the Glenada Junior Local, on November 15th, it was decided to piece the quilt the Juniors have been making at the next meeting, writes Florence Moore, secretary. It will be raffled at a concert next January which is being put on entirely by the Juniors. To raise funds for the treasury, they held a dance on November 21st which was a "complete success, with a larger attendance than we had anticipated. During an intermission Wes Byler led the Junior yell, which was quite effective. Our Local is interested in the Reading Course."

U.F.W.A. PROGRAM FOR LOCALS

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

A Page of Correspondence on Livestock Pool Policies—
The Subject of Co-operative Packing Plants



Arranged by
DONALD MACLEOD,
Secretary

We publish below two letters which have been received by the secretary on the subject of Livestock Pool Policy:

CO-OPERATIVE PACKING PLANTS

To the Alberta Livestock Pool:

Shall we have Co-operative packing plants?

Three or four years ago at the Pembina Livestock Shipping Association's yearly meeting, I introduced a motion "asking the Board of Directors in the near future to acquire facilities for establishing a Co-operative Packing Plant." So far all has been progressing nicely. The delegates of the various shipping associations have approved it, and the Board of Directors of the Livestock Pool have done what was in their power; especially the president, A. B. Claypool, has proven to be a worthy champion of it, but all of that is not one man's job. Everyone of us have to do our share.

There are numerous reasons why we should have a Co-op Packing Plant, but we haven't time nor space here to discuss them. I will shortly sketch the principal reason:

Looking at the Past

The ability to provide ourselves with the necessities of life, largely depends upon our experience. Our experience is history. History records to us how the world came to be what it is today. Therefore to enlarge our scope and knowledge, it is necessary for us to look a little way back in history.

If we look back a century ago, we see that in that time production not only on farms, but just as well in other lines, was carried on by the individual with the simplest hand tools. The village blacksmith, the tanner, the shoemaker, the cabinet maker, exchanged the products of their labor on something of an equal basis, considering the time it took to produce it. They exchanged their products themselves, and they did not starve.

Complete Transformation

Since that time, almost within our lifetime, through a series of inventions, farming has been completely transformed. Spinning, weaving, tanning, meat packing, canning of fruit, grinding of flour, and many other processes which the farmer once controlled, are now taken from him. With each process that the farmer abandoned, he abandoned some of his independence, and became dependent on the city for goods and on the railroads for markets. Today the farmer is the producer only of raw material. He is compelled to patronize a trust for nearly everything he uses on the farm. On every product he loses twice, by selling as a raw and buying back as a finished product. With all the modern farm machinery that we use on the farm today, with all the terrible physical and mental strain besides, to make the both ends meet we are still suffering from an insufficiency.

So all the modern inventions haven't materially helped us. In ancient times the work was done by slaves, but the slaves were fed, but today those who do

the world's work are left to shift for themselves and are often hungry. When through inventions of modern machinery it was discovered that it is more profitable to own the tools and machinery than to own the slaves, slavery was abandoned.

So in the present state of capitalism we are living by permission of those who, by virtue of private ownership of the stock and bonds, reap most of the benefits.

Do you believe that such a system is necessary? We have already passed through many distinct systems. Each of them was once considered the unchangeable. The trusts have eliminated the waste of competition. They are not able to go any further. They will stay there and perform the same functions by a social body as cancer does by the individual. Therefore we have to decide: shall the nation own the trust or shall the trust continue to own the nation?

We must decide between plutocratic rule and co-operative rule. It is self-evident and natural that society will continue to demand organization rather than destruction, and also it is natural that we should desire to produce with as little effort as possible. This desire results in the invention of our modern machinery. This machinery in turn requires co-operation in the production and operation. Therefore associated effort, co-operation, has been a growth and development and was forced upon us. It is not a dream, but a scientific fact and all the denunciations will never change it, because scientific fact admits no alterations. We have to accept it or submit ourselves to misery and destruction. At present we are so fortunate to have a very sympathetic and worthy government, and a still more worthy leader of it; why not be worthy citizens of it and through co-operation help to blaze the path to a paradise in which happy humanity will live.

M. DEKSNE.

Tomahawk, Alberta.

POLICY OF THE POOL

To the Secretary of the A.C.L.P.

Sir:—

It is with considerable hesitation that I respond to your pressing invitations in recent issues of *The U.F.A.* with the object of finding the real feelings of the members of the A.C.L.P. with regard to the general policy of the Association. Unfortunately (for reasons I will explain later), I am not a member of the Livestock Pool.

First of all, may I congratulate you on the attractive and interesting Pool notes which you contribute to the columns of *The U.F.A.* They really deserve more than passing notice by the membership, as well as those without the pale. Now, after casually meandering around the subject for a while, much as a coyote would circle a dead horse, I venture to draw a little nearer to what I imagine to be dead meat, and from a little distance I give a tentative sniff or two to satisfy myself that it is really deceased, or is only shamming.

Still I am yet undecided, and advance yet a step further to the object of my curiosity,

when lo! it makes a faint sound as of someone in the last stages of a serious sickness, and it moves ever so little but sufficient to enable me to distinguish the letters A.C.L.P. which had been once, not so long ago, flaunted to the whole Dominion as the Farmers' deliverance from the packers' bond.

The identity of the thing now being definitely established, I sit on my haunches, to take stock of the situation, for it was indeed a most unpleasant surprise to discover an old acquaintance in such a grievous plight, and the first question that arose was naturally, "What ails it?" Now this was a poser, and required careful consideration but running the risk of its being of an infectious nature, I boldly sniffed long and deep, and yet again, and again, but alas! no clue could I find to answer my query.

"Cross Contract"

At last the pitiful creature, perhaps sensing my sympathy, made a supreme effort and gasped out the words "Cross Contract." Instantly a flood of light pierced my memory, and it, taking me back down the years, recalled the fact that "Cross Contract" was a disease which, although not very prevalent at any period, was peculiarly dangerous to anything or person which contracted the disease. So far as my recollection told me it confined itself chiefly to individuals who performed arduous duties as Directors on Livestock Pool Boards, but I failed to recollect an instance of its being contracted by an ordinary member of such a Pool, whilst as for the non-members, they appeared to be absolutely immune from the scourge.

I had never realized until the moment I found the almost dead object, that its ravages had the strength to almost destroy what was once so bonny a babe, who started with such opportunities and with a wealth of power and support behind it such as few babes had ever known.

I left the scene and returned to my den with appetite gone, tail dragging, and dejected appearance generally.

Need I say more? Does the Board not realize that those trucks which hauled 14,000 hogs to the Edmonton plants during the month of August would probably have hauled 7,000 of them to the Co-op plant if it had not been for the disease known as "Cross Contract?"

You state in your notes of September 15th that "An evolution is taking place. Speed is on the throne." But does the policy of the Board acknowledge those statements? If so, why does it not ditch that old bogey of "Cross Contracts" and adopt a policy that every man who has hogs to ship, may, if he so desires, sign his contract, order his truck and ship them to his Co-op.

I have heard, at 3 different meetings, at separate points, representatives of the Board outline the Pool's policy at great length, and in all three cases it fell as flat as a pancake, even though the audience in each case was practically 100 per cent prepared to sign. The obstacle in each case was "Cross Contracts." From this branch line of the C.N.R. before the advent of the truck

there were on the average 10 cars of Co-op. shipments each month, contributed chiefly by men who were prepared to sign a contract. Today I hazard the guess that the Pool does not receive 10 truck loads a month from this branch. And yet the sentiment is still here, one has only to see the Pool cream cans at every station, or study the Wheat Pool membership list, and each of those function without the "Cross Contract."

It would appear from observation that men with Pool sympathies are deliberately shipping to the plants, hoping that by this method the Pool officials will be roused from their lethargy sufficiently at least to enquire what it is all about.

Never More Opportune

If a plant is to be established at all, never will the time be more opportune than now, for hard times are well known to make men think co-operatively, and surely "hard times are here again."

In conclusion may I respectfully enquire from any member of the Executive his opinion as to whether, when he presents his ticket for admission to the Pearly Gates, will old St. Peter confront him with the remark: "No, you can't be admitted because your church has not signed a 'Cross Contract'."

LET'S GO.

Yours truly,
WALTER BURCHETT

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REPORT OF WHEAT POOL BOARD

(Continued from page 6)

which has been in operation approximately a year, we have the largest and most up-to-date Elevator on tide water. This house, operated in conjunction with our Vancouver Elevator No. 2 and our Prince Rupert house, has handled the bulk of our grain coming through Pool country houses. Owing to the increasing movement through Western ports, the necessity for providing storage to take care of peak deliveries and our anxiety to hold our Pool grain in Pool channels as far as possible, we have added by way of a one-year lease the Victoria Terminal to our string of Terminal Elevators which will give us another million bushels of storage space under Pool control. Our interest in the Western Coast outlet is gradually growing larger year by year, both in investment and in the building up of an organization to handle Alberta grown grain. We have endeavored in our negotiations with the various officials who have charge of the machinery of transportation and handling, to deal with them in such a manner that our past good relations will be maintained and that we will be able to carry on further discussions on future arrangements with them on the same agreeable basis. We have found them willing to meet us, discuss our mutual problems and arrive at a solution fairly satisfactory to both parties.

GENERAL

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In order to carry out one of the primary purposes for which the Pool was organized, namely, to prevent the dumping of unduly large quantities of wheat on a weak market, it is necessary in the early part of each marketing season to make arrangements with the banks for loans for the purpose of providing the Initial Payment to the grower on delivery of his wheat and thus enable the Pool to dispose of the wheat in a more orderly manner than would otherwise be possible. As security for the money so advanced,

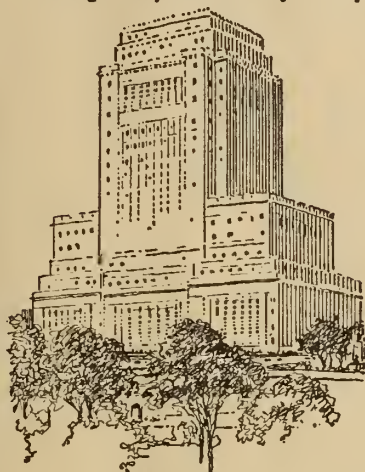
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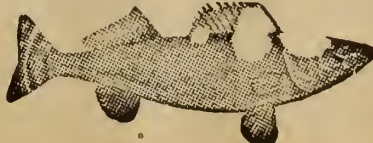
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the Pool pledges with the Banks the evidences of title to the wheat held by it. A condition of the loan is that the Pool shall maintain a margin of security with the lending Banks of an amount equivalent to 15 per cent of the current market price (as established by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange from day to day) over and above the amount borrowed from the Banks. The debacle which demoralized the markets of the world last fall marked the beginning of a drastic and almost continuous decline in the price of wheat. As a result, our margin with the Banks became impaired early in the new year to such an extent that the three Provincial Pools simultaneously approached their respective Provincial Governments for a guarantee to the Banks against any loss in respect of our standing loans.

Realizing the gravity of the situation and the ruinous effect on agriculture and business in general which would undoubtedly have followed had the Pools (in order to maintain the required margin with the Banks) been forced to dump large quantities of wheat on an already weak and falling market, each Provincial Government promptly passed the necessary enabling legislation and gave the Banks the required guarantee. The liability of our Provincial Government under the guarantee is limited in amount to such sum as shall bear the same ratio to the amount the ultimate balance owing by the Central Selling Agency to the Banks as the total quantity of grain delivered to the Central Selling Agency by Alberta Wheat Pool between the 1st day of August, 1929, and the 1st day of August, 1930, bears to the total quantity of grain delivered to the Central Selling Agency during the said period by the Manitoba Wheat Pool, Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, and Alberta Wheat Pool. While the beneficial effect of this action on the part of the Governments of the three great wheat growing Provinces of the Dominion cannot be even approximately measured in dollars and cents, there is no doubt that their timely support served to divert a serious crisis. On behalf of that section of our farmers who are (through their membership in the Wheat Pool) organized as to be articulate in respect to conditions respecting our industry, your Board herein expresses its appreciation of the prompt support given so unhesitatingly by our Provincial Government in our hour of need. This guarantee will continue in force until the grain delivered to the 1928-29 Pool and 1929-30 Pool has been finally disposed of.

Interprovincial Conferences

Two Interprovincial Conferences of the Directors and Chief Officials of the three Provincial Pools have been held during the past year, at which matters of general interest have been duly discussed and the policies of the three units which comprise the Central Selling Agency have been co-ordinated to a considerable degree to the end that the maximum benefits will accrue from energy expended.

Staff

This report would not be complete without some reference to the assistance your Board has received in the administration of the business of the Company; in the economical and careful work on the part of our staff of employees who have given freely of extra time and effort in carrying on through what has been, to say the least, a most trying period. Money cannot buy the cheerful loyalty

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed: H. W. Wood, C. Jensen, R. A. MacPherson, Lew Hutchinson, J. Jesse Strang, Ben S. Plumer, George Bennett.

News of the Organization

Forthcoming Conventions

East Calgary, December 8th

The annual convention of the East Calgary Federal Constituency Association will be held at the Calgary Public Library on Monday, December 8th, commencing at 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Scholefield, secretary, announces that President Wood is expected to be present and give an address; resolutions for the Provincial Annual Convention will be discussed, and officers elected for the coming year.

Beaver River, December 10th

A meeting of the Beaver River Provincial Association will take place at Spedden on December 10th at 3 p.m., for the election of officers and other business, according to word from the secretary, F. Courtemanche.

Serviceberry Meeting, December 3rd

A meeting of the Serviceberry District Association will be held in the United Church building, Rockyford, on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Pembina Annual Convention

The Annual Convention of the U.F.A. Pembina Constituency Association was held at Westlock on November 20th. A great deal of interest was shown in the reports and speeches. A larger number of resolutions than usual caused the convention to call an evening session. Jos. Messmer acted as chairman.

Mr. Messmer in his address mentioned the fact that the Junior Local at Rossington has been successful in capturing the award given by the Wheat Pool in the Field Crop Competition. Geo. MacLachlan, M.L.A., and Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, and Minister of Lands and Mines, gave well received addresses which were much appreciated by the delegates and the large number of visitors. A report on the women's conference was given by Mrs. Geo. Dieffenbaugh, who also read a paper on the achievements of the U.F.A.

Following are the officers elected for the coming year: President, Mr. Jos. Messmer; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Dieffenbaugh; directors—D. B. O'Brien, Carl Antonson, Mrs. Jas. Rabb, Mrs. A. R. Brown, G. Kipp, Roy Newnham and G. E. Chambers.

Jos. Messmer was elected as the Association's delegate to the Annual U.F.A. Convention. A large number of resolutions were dealt with, those passed being forwarded to the Central Office.

A. R. BROWN,
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ASK MINIMUM PRICE

Nanton U.F.A. Local recently passed the following resolution, which was telegraphed to Sir George Perley, acting Prime Minister:

"In view of the present low prices of grain, in every case below cost of production, we strongly urge that the Government take immediate steps to set a reasonable minimum price upon wheat, to prevent permanent disaster to the farming industry."

H. G. Loree, secretary, writes that Nanton Local would like to see other Locals take similar action, in order that "the pressure might be so great as to help getting results."

Ministik U.F.A. Local recently passed the following resolution: "Resolved that we are on record to have the Government Telephone Department reduce the rates back to the original charge of \$2 per month, owing to the financial condition of the farmers."

Scenic Heights U.F.A. Local will open at an early date a new U.F.A. hall which has been built for the use of the movement and the community. The hall is 30 by 60 feet, has cement foundation and basement for furnace, and the cost, apart from labor, which was given by local people, will be \$2,000. A donation of \$100 was given by the women of the Local to assist in financing the undertaking. The hall is well designed, and equipped with a kitchen and a cloak room. It stands in five acres of land, which will be used as a sports ground, and is situated across the road from the school, where there is a flowing well. Scenic Heights, which now has 30 members and is in a very healthy condition, was one of the first organized by H. W. Wood on his visit to the Peace River country in 1916.

ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

(Continued from page 4)

said that the Pool members in his district were intensely disappointed over the report on flour milling presented at last year's meeting. One or two other delegates expressed the same opinion. The question was left over at the suggestion of the chairman who pointed out that the delegates would later have an opportunity for discussion when flour milling resolutions were before the meeting.

Auditors

A motion to reappoint Harvey & Morrison as auditors was moved by H. F. Nester, seconded by Andrew Holmberg. A. B. Haarstad asked if the Board had ever considered having the Alberta Audit Bureau bid for the Pool audit work. Ben S. Plumer had given consideration to that proposal but considered if the Alberta Audit Bureau was employed, the Pool would be a member of this bureau, as it is a co-operative organization. Thus an audit by the Bureau would be an internal audit. The directors had taken the view that an audit by a prominent firm of chartered accountants was preferable.

Queries as to the fees paid Harvey & Morrison resulted in a motion to table the re-appointment until further information was presented to the meeting.

Duties of Delegates

A report on the duties of delegates prepared on behalf of the Board of Directors by George Bennett, Director for Edmonton, and Lew Hutchinson, Director for Camrose, was read and is as follows:

On request from the delegates at the last general meeting for regulations governing activities and duties of delegates, your Board suggest the following:

That clause 17 of the By-Laws be repealed and the following substituted therefore:

"17. The duties of a Delegate shall be as follows: (a) to have general super-

vision of organization in his sub-district working in conjunction with a Director and Field Man.

"(b) To give to the contract signers of his sub-district an annual report of the activities of the Pool as set forth at each annual meeting.

"(c) A newly elected Delegate when holding meetings shall be accompanied by a Director, Field Man or other official from head office unless he has attended the last preceding general meeting of delegates.

"(d) All item of expense exceeding two dollars other than necessary per diem allowance and mileage must previously be sanctioned by head office.

"(e) In case of a Delegate holding a meeting with no Field Man present he shall report same to head office."

That clause 18 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"18. Delegates shall be paid by the Pool such remuneration for their services as the Delegates in general meeting may decide, but with a maximum of two hundred dollars per annum, exclusive of the expense of attending general meetings:

"Provided that in special circumstances the Board shall have the power to fix the remuneration of any Delegate."

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

(Signed)

GEORGE BENNETT.
LEW HUTCHINSON.

This report was finally rejected, but only after prolonged discussion. Lew Hutchinson explained that the report was drawn up at the particular request of the delegates. At the last general meeting, he said, the delegates expressed the desire to have the directors draw up regulations governing delegates' activities as it appeared to be the feeling that a few delegates were going somewhat too far in the matter of expenses.

Various amendments were presented, one being proposed by A. W. Fraser:

"That no Field Man or Director appear at any meeting called in sub-division of delegate without the invitation of delegate." This was defeated.

H. F. Nester moved that clause (e) calling for Delegates to give reports of annual meetings be eliminated. He thought there were often too many meetings and frequently too many speakers at Pool meetings. This was defeated.

I. D. Taylor moved that Delegates have power to hold meetings to receive instructions from members when requested by Locals. This was carried.

However, when the whole report was voted on finally it was turned down by the delegates.

Resolutions

A resolution that the constitution of the Wheat Pool be changed to give Locals a proper standing was moved by H. Foreman and seconded by Andrew B. Wood. Mr. Foreman said the locals only too often felt they had no actual part in the movement. Andrew B. Wood said locals were very important to the Wheat Pool. Thorough organization was needed in the country and Wheat Pool Locals are required in order that this organization may be kept up.

This resolution was referred to the redrafting committee and re-introduced as follows:

"Be it resolved that By-law No. 2 be amended by adding the following:

"The members of any sub-district may form themselves into Locals and (or) sub-district associations." Carried.

(Continued in next issue)

Should Wheat Pool Members Think About

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Other huge sums are spent for gifts to sweethearts, for bridge prizes, and for trophies for every conceivable kind of contest.

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With unemployment so prevalent in all parts of the country, with so many of our fellow Canadians dependent upon charity even for the bare necessities of life, don't you agree with me that the moral obligation rests heavily on all of us to govern our Christmas gift buying by the "Produced-in-Canada" policy, to the end that it will help to give some fellow citizen a job?

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Remembering that this is the season of peace on earth and good will to man, and that the relieving of unemployment is one of the most ideal ways of spreading Christmas cheer, may I not plead with all of you to restrict your Christmas buying as far as possible to things that have been produced in Canada, so that in addition to bringing joy to the recipients of your favour, you will be conferring great happiness on some fellow Canadian who is now out of work!

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Minister of Trade and Commerce.

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